

WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 1996

Members Present

John J. Farrell, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

Philip J. Arthur
Environmental Control Manager
Finch Pruyn & Company, Inc.

John Ellingsworth
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Chief Ronald Cote
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Joseph Bethel representing
Chief Richard Carey
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Fred Lamy
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Sgt. Robert Hebert
New York State Police

Steve Craig
New York State Police

Andrew J. Roden
Environmental Representative

David Capron, Plant Engineer
NAMIC

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager
Finch Pruyn

Members Absent (continued)

Charles McCabe
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Bob Desiderio, M.D.
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Joan Grishkot, Director
Health Services

Scott Sopczyk, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Laura Stebbins
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

David Cedarstrom
The Chronicle

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of our June meeting, Phil Arthur so moved, seconded by Jim Canavan. All in favor, motion passed.

John informed the committee that our annual stipend has again been reduced, this time to \$585.00.

He gave an overview of the Federally-declared January storm explaining how the damage assessments were done. Paperwork is still being processed and although a majority of the checks have been mailed some are still pending. We estimate that we will receive approximately \$850,000.00.

John went over the committee membership requirements and asked for suggestions and recommendations. Mr. Lemery suggested that we contact the absentee members and ask if they want to remain on the committee, if not replace them with someone who would like to serve.

The Chairman asked Phil Arthur about the sulphur dioxide release mentioned in the newspaper during the strike. Phil said that releases over 500 pounds must be reported to the committee and that this one was well below that level. He made us aware of their plan and where their monitors are.

Marv Lemery gave us an update on the Haz Mat Response Team the County is working on. He said they are still doing research and that they are still a long way from making a recommendation to the County and the Fire Advisory boards. The team would have to be formed from the Glens Falls career firefighters due to the amount of necessary training and the necessity to have them on call 24 hours, seven days a week. We talked about the areas that needed to be covered, ie, the Northway and other major traffic arteries. It was also mentioned that one of the prime concerns should be U.P.S. trucks which carry many chemicals and that they have a terminal at Exit 18.

Mr. Farrell asked Jim Canavan to give us a rundown on the ongoing EMS problems. He has met with the County EMS Advisory Board and they have formed a planning committee which is meeting with the 12 voluntary EMS squads. They

handle between 6 to 7,000 calls per year. They also are meeting with other counties and getting some ideas on how they are solving their daytime needs when it is difficult to get volunteer coverage.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon
Secretary