

## WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 20, 1996

**Members Present**

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

John Ellingsworth  
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Herbert E. Riedel  
Senior Citizens Council

Marvin Lemery, Administrator  
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

James Canavan, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services

Chief Richard Carey  
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Fred Lamy  
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Charles McCabe  
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Sgt. Robert Hebert  
New York State Police

Steve Craig  
New York State Police

Joan Dillon  
Secretary LEPC

**Members Absent**

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

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager  
Finch Pruyn

Andrew J. Roden  
Environmental Representative

David Capron, Plant Engineer  
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**Members Absent (continued)**

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor  
The Post Star

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 9:38 a.m.

The Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of our September meeting, Chief Carey so moved, seconded by Herb Riedel. All in favor, motion passed.

After some discussion regarding the membership ie, requirements by law, number, etc., the consensus seemed to be that since we have no pressing industrial problems we should continue as we have been.

Marv Lemery updated us on the HazMat Response Team the County is working on. They visited the Troy HazMat people since our last meeting and are also talking with others regarding local laws, methods of reimbursement, etc. Presently they are not ready to make a presentation, but they continue to garner information towards this end. This led into a discussion of the need for a County Incident Command Van. Some town fire companies already have something they use in this capacity during major incidents but some smaller companies would not be able to afford this. It is something that has been discussed by Emergency Services and the Sheriff with their various committees, and it hoped that sometime in the near future the need for such a vehicle will be realized.

Jim Canavan mentioned the Disaster Preparedness Conference he attended with us. He said he was amazed at the variety of weather-related things that affect people around the State. John said that at another meeting he attended people that had been in this business for many years emphasized how much things have changed, citing many more windstorms, flooding, etc.

John received a letter from the US Environmental Protection Agency offering a computer program free to the counties with some initial training. The letter was passed on to Marv Lemery for his evaluation and recommendation.

The Chairman discusses the proposed Senate Bill #5779 regarding County registry of disabled persons. Chief Carey said he tried to identify that problem. He sent out a questionnaire asking people to respond with information on what problems they might have. During a discussion of the problems of keeping it up-to-date and confidentiality, it was decided that the concept was good but that realistically there would no way to keep it current. Steve Craig suggested that John get in touch with other LEPCs for their opinion. Sheriff Lamy read and suggested that it was only meant to redefine some language in the existing legislation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herb Riedel, seconded by Jim Canavan. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon  
Secretary