

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 21, 1998

Members Present

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

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

John Ellingsworth
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

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

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager
Finch Pruyn

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Captain J. Bethel for Chief Carey
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Charles McCabe
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

David Capron, Plant Engineer
Schneider/NAMIC

Robert Gilchrist, Manager
Environmental Health and Safety
Schneider/NAMIC

Sgt. Robert Hebert
New York State Police

Pat Auer, Director
Health Services

Robert Baccari, Director
SEMO, Region II

Joan Dillon
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Fred Lamy
Warren County Sheriff's Dept

Steve Craig
New York State Police

Andrew J. Roden
Environmental Representative

Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

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

Laura Stebbins
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

David Cedarstrom
The Chronicle

William Trombley, Director
Adirondack Chapter-American Red Cross

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Farrell asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Motion made by Mr. Lemery, seconded by Mr. Arthur, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Farrell asked how we stand with the proposed exercise with Finch Pruyn. Phil Arthur said they planned to have it on June 5th if we felt it was still necessary. It was agreed that they would have it at 11:30 a.m. at the Finch Pruyn facility.

The Chairman asked that all members introduce themselves as there were some new faces and some that had been absent for awhile.

Under new business, John mentioned that we had sent letters to the non-attendees. Mr. Lemery suggested we make a list of those who did not respond to our letter and ask the Chairman of the Board to replace them on this committee. Also that we request he assign a legislator. John asked if there were any recommendations. The committee members will consider it and get back to him.

John discussed a draft of a hazardous materials incident response plan that was a collaboration between SEMO and the Civil Defense office. A copy of the plan will be mailed to those present with the request that they look it over and make any corrections they feel necessary and/or suggestions they feel would enhance it. If approved by the committee, we would use it to replace the existing Title III plan.

Marv Lemery mentioned the presentation that he, Fred Lamy and John Farrell gave to the Board of Supervisors. They all felt it was a successful venture and Marv asked about the updating of the individual town plans. He asked if the supervisors were aware that the plans needed to be updated regularly. John said we had sent letters to all the supervisors thanking them for their time at the meeting and reminding them to look over their plans and make corrections where necessary. We received a few replies but are still waiting for the majority.

John asked Pat Auer if her department had a plan. She said that based on their experiences aiding other counties during the ice storm, they were going to be looking over what they had and updating and refining their policy and procedures. We requested that copies be given to the Civil Defense and Fire Coordinator's offices.

Jim Canavan asked about the role of the LEPCs during the ice storm. Mr. Baccari of SEMO made some comments regarding the participation of various agencies during that incident, but LEPCs were not directly involved. John mentioned an article he had read recently regarding the role of LEPCs in the State of New York. The LEPCs are more of an agent for information gathering and for bringing questions to the attention of other emergency management people and industry, and for giving a forum to industry.

The Chairman asked Mr. Baccari if there was anything he would like to discuss. He had some comments regarding the impact on and the interaction necessary with businesses brought to light by the ice storm.

There was some discussion of County plans versus individual town plans; wildland interface; and inter-county mutual aid plans.

Mr. Lemery gave us an update on the possibility of a County HazMat team. He said that the Fire Chiefs Association and Fire Advisory Board may be working toward a County Training Center. Mr. Farrell said that if he needed a letter from this board supporting this we would be glad to lend our assistance. There are also new firefighting course requirements that brings the total training hours to 102. Mr. Farrell said he would draft a letter of support for approval at our next meeting.

The participants in the exercise will meet at Finch Pruyn on June 5th. Our next regular meeting will be held September 16, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon
Secretary