

## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 16, 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.

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager  
Finch Pruyn

James Canavan, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services

Chief Richard Carey  
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Charles McCabe  
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Herbert E. Riedel  
Senior Citizens Council

Fred Lamy  
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Robert Baccari, Director  
SEMO, Region III

Joan Dillon  
Secretary LEPC

### Members Absent

Philip J. Arthur  
Environmental Control Manager

David Capron, Plant Engineer  
Schneider/NAMIC

Robert Gilchrist, Manager  
Environmental Health and Safety  
Schneider/NAMIC

**Members Absent (continued)**

Pat Auer, Director  
Health Services

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

**Guests**

Richard Saunders  
Glens Falls Supervisor

Richard French, Coordinator  
SEMO, Region III

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 p.m. All were in favor of accepting the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman gave the dates of the upcoming Disaster Preparedness Conference in Albany. The committee was invited to attend. One day will be devoted to the Ice Storm with a critique by all the key people. We will give a report on the conference at our next meeting.

Under old business, Mr. Farrell asked Mr. Lemery to report on the possibility of a Fire Training Center. Marv said that the Fire Advisory Board had formed a committee. A site committee visited about 6 suggested sites and narrowed the choice down to 3 sites. They will present the choices to the full Chiefs and Officers Assn. which will be meeting the last Monday of September. They will be looking for some funding to hire an engineering firm to assess the proposed sites. The preferred sites being considered are 1. near A.C.C. 2. the old County Home property in Warrensburg 3. near the South Queensbury fire station. Since A.C.C.

is trying to start an associate degree program in Fire Science that property would be an ideal fit. The facility would be available to industry as well as town and village fire companies. Nothing further has been done regarding a HazMat response unit. We would rely on the State for assistance. Mr. Riedel asked about railroads. We have none other than the scenic one which has not begun operations, but John, Marv and several other emergency services people have attended courses sponsored by D&H.

New business:

1. We received a letter from Lee Battes of S.E.M.O. regarding sulfuric acid spills. After discussion, it was decided that everyone is up-to-date on this information.
2. A letter from the E.P.A. regarding proposed changes in the Community Right-to-Know Act (E.P.R.C.A.). In summary they want higher reporting thresholds for gasoline and diesel fuel at retail stations. Relief from reporting rock salt and other low hazard substances.
3. The F.B.I. now regularly attends our monthly Northern District meetings. Terrorism is their main focus. They feel that areas such as ours are as much at risk as cities.
4. Jim Canavan reported that E.M.S. is now billing for ambulance runs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon  
Secretary