

## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 20, 1999

### **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

Chief Richard Carey  
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Herbert E. Riedel  
Senior Citizens Council

Fred Lamy  
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Pat Auer, Director  
Health Services

Steve Craig  
New York State Police

Sgt. Eric Meybaum  
New York State Police

Deborah Rose  
American Red Cross-Adirondack Chapter

Joan Dillon  
Secretary LEPC

### **Members Absent**

Philip J. Arthur  
Environmental Control Manager

James Canavan, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services

## **Members Absent (continued)**

Charles McCabe  
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Robert Baccari, Director  
SEMO, Region III

David Capron, Plant Engineer  
Schneider/NAMIC

Robert Gilchrist, Manager  
Environmental Health and Safety  
Schneider/NAMIC

Andrew J. Roden  
Environmental Representative

Patrick Campbell, 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**

Curt Schultz  
Community Alert Network

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. Mr. Lemery had one correction to the September minutes, the starting time should have been a.m. rather than p.m. Chief Carey made a motion to accept with the correction, seconded by Sheriff Lamy. All in favor, motion passed.

Old business: The Chairman noted that everyone had an opportunity to read the proposed new plan. He received suggestions from the Health Services and the Sheriff's Department. He called for a motion to accept this with the incorporation of those suggestions. Motion made by Mr. Lemery, seconded by Max Reichen. All in favor, motion passed.

New business:

1. The Chairman is in receipt of a U.S.E.P.A. booklet. It tells about proposed changes in the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act under S.A.R.A. Title III and asked for comments under this proposal, i.e., higher reporting thresholds for gasoline and diesel fuel at retail outlets; relief from reporting for rock salt, sand and gravel; relief from routine reporting for substances with low hazard and low risk. He will pass this on to the emergency responders for their comments.
2. Sulfuric Acid Spills - We are in receipt of a report from the Department of Health. Pat Auer also is in receipt of this report. Mr. Lemery said that this is not something we see much of in our County, but we are prepared.
3. Curt Schultz of Community Alert Network made a presentation to the Committee. After questions and comments from the group, it was decided that this was something we should not pursue at this time.
4. Mr. Farrell went over correspondence.
  - a. A request from SEMO for proposals for training and educational grants sponsored by the Department of Labor. Some discussion on the misdirection of correspondence ensued.
  - b. A survey from Niagara Mohawk on preparedness for Y2K.
  - c. Terrorism threats were discussed (biological/bacteriological). It was decided that it is something we should address. Mrs. Auer mentioned that there might be some grant money available through the Health Department for this purpose. More information will be forthcoming in February. It was agreed that other than our standard operating procedure, the area should be locked down and we should identify who to contact for the identification and containment of the substance.
  - d. There will be a statewide LEPC Conference in Syracuse, April 27-29. We have applications in our office for anyone interested in attending.

The Chairman asked the Red Cross representative, Mrs. Rose, if she had any subject she wanted to bring to the Committee. She asked how prepared we are for Y2K. The Red Cross does have a website and they are incorporating information on Y2K on it without using fear tactics. They will be having some centralized meetings with emergency personnel to establish what may be needed and how best to handle sheltering, etc.

The next meeting will be on April 13, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Lemery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheriff Lamy. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dillon  
Secretary