

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 16, 1999

**Members Present**

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

Philip J. Arthur  
Environmental Control Manager

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager  
Finch Pruyn

John Ellingsworth  
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Pat Auer, Director  
Health Services

James Canavan, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services

Herbert E. Riedel  
Senior Citizens Council

Larry Cleveland  
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Chief R. Carey  
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Deborah Rose  
Adirondack Chapter - American Red Cross

Susan Losinger  
Adirondack Chapter - American Red Cross

Sgt. Chris Devlin  
New York State Police - Troop G

Steve Craig  
New York State Police - EMO

Laura Stebbins  
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Robert Baccari, Director  
NYSEMO - Region III

**Members Absent**

Marvin Lemery, Administrator  
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

Charles McCabe  
Ames Goldsmith, Inc

Sgt. Eric Meybaum  
New York State Police

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

David Cedarstrom  
The Chronicle

William Trombley, Director  
Adirondack Chapter-American Red Cross

**Guests**

Jason White  
Glens Falls Hospital

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Arthur requested that the record of the November 16, 1999 meeting be amended to show his attendance.

The participants introduced themselves at the request of Mr. Farrell.

Old Business:

Mr. Farrell and Mr. Lemery have finalized the County Hazardous Materials Plan. Mr. Lemery sent it to OFPC for review and suggestions. They suggested that we not attempt to assign responsibility for clean up ourselves. We therefore rewrote that section to have that responsibility remain with En Con. Steve Craig of the State Police explained the protocol for incidents. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of a regional haz mat van. The Chairman suggested that we write a position paper after the first of the year to show that we have thoroughly researched this issue.

New Business:

SEMO will be assisting us with a Human Needs Assessment. This meeting will be held on November 24, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Civil Defense Meeting Room. Mr. Baccari explained why SEMO felt it was necessary to address this issue and what they hoped to accomplish.

Mr. Farrell mentioned one of the positives of Y2K is that it is forcing everyone to review and update their plans. Mr. Riedel discussed the concern for seniors withdrawing money from the bank and the possibility of their losing it through theft or fraud. Sue Losinger of Red Cross distributed several publications directed towards seniors. There was some discussion on dispelling fears and addressing cases of misinformation.

Our EOC will be manned from 6:00 p.m. December 31 until 6:00 a.m. January 1 or until it is clear there will be no problems. Representatives of Red Cross, Sheriff's Dept., NY State Police, Niagara Mohawk, NYS DOT, RACES and Civil Defense.

Mr. Arthur gave an update on the required Risk Management Planning. They held a meeting attended by most of this committee. It is necessary for them to hold a public meeting by February 1st. They will be running a full-page ad in the newspaper explaining the plan, and announcing a public meeting at their facility.

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.