

Rockingham County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Rockingham County Emergency Services
January 23, 2008

Members Present: David L. Bracken – Reidsville Fire Dept., Jay Harris – Reidsville Fire Dept., Frankie Legaux – Rockingham Co. Planning & Inspections, Ted Nelson – Rockingham County Public Health Dept., Charlotte Martin – Rockingham County Public Health Dept., Susan J. Hall – Rockingham County 9-1-1, Robert Cardwell – Rockingham County Fire Marshal, Rodney Stewart – Rockingham County EMS, Gary Wilkins – Piedmont Natural Gas, Scott Marsh – AFG Wipes, Lisa Ellington – Rockingham County EMS, Walter Romine – Williams Gas Pipeline, Grady Paschal – Miller Brewing, Dennis Loftis – Miller Brewing, Anne Mills – Morehead Hospital, Debbie Hatfield – Rockingham County EM.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman David Bracken at 9:07 a.m. He thanked EMS for hosting and providing refreshments.

Minutes of the October 2007 minutes were approved as presented. (Grady Paschal 1st, Jay Harris 2nd).

Training Update: (Steve Hale) Debbie Hatfield in absence of Steve Hale

- Debbie announced that the LEPC was eligible again for another Hazardous Material Grant and they were applying for money to do another Full Scale exercise. Also, they will be partnering with Piedmont Natural Gas and doing the exercise on a LP Gas incident. Will follow up as time goes. Charlotte stated that they had some money left and if they could tie it into the exercise that they could help pay for it if the grant isn't approved.

Emergency Management Report: (Joe Wright) Debbie Hatfield in Joe's absence.

- Debbie stated that the state is going to “Regionalization” which means that the counties are being divided up into groups and because of that positions have opened up. She stated that she had applied for one of these positions and got it and that her last day with Rockingham County would be on Friday, February 1st. She wanted to thank all of the LEPC members for allowing her to be part of the group and said that she would miss each of them.
- Debbie stated that she and Steve had attended a meeting in reference to the “Drought” situation and how the concern and water conservations are not as much of a concern as it had been but efforts still should be made to be conscious of the situation. Five surrounding States (Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee) were also in the meeting and each of them is basically the same as North Carolina).

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to Debbie Hatfield resigning her position with the county and as the Secretary of the LEPC nominations for the upcoming year's officer were postponed. The information is supposed to come from the Emergency Management office and until her position is filled they couldn't elect a secretary. Motion was made by Gary Wilkins to hold elections at the next meeting; it was seconded by Charlotte Martin.
- Charlotte Martin did a presentation on “Pandemic Influenza”. She covered a lot of good material. There was a discussion after the presentation with a lot of good questions to cover. The group thanked Charlotte for her time and told her that she had done an outstanding job.

The next Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2008 at 9AM and Morehead Hospital will host.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hatfield, Secretary