

Montgomery County – Blacksburg LEPC

November 17, 2015

Montgomery County Public Safety Building

Meeting Notes

1. The meeting was opened at 10:00 by David Linkous with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introductions of all attendees followed.
3. Reports/Standing business
 - a. Hazmat: David Linkous said Neal Turner reports there were no reportable hazmat incidents in the previous quarter.
 - b. Dave solicited input from those in attendance about their desires for educational content at future meetings. Kevin Sowers suggested we invite Team Rubicon to present their capabilities at a future meeting. Rachel Arthur of Crisis Prevention & Response, a TR Volunteer, will follow up.
 - c. Ebola update: Dave reported that Sierra Leone has been removed from the Health Department's watch list, and that only Guinea remains as a nation from which travelers need to be monitored.
 - d. Host for February meeting: Tammy Turpin of Carilion Clinic will research hosting the February 16, 2016 meeting at Carilion New River.
4. Old Business: Regional Approach to LEPC. Dave postponed discussion of this topic until Mike Guzo of VDEM can attend to address it.
5. New Business
 - a. Elections for President and Vice President will be held at the February meeting. The question was raised whether Dave is eligible for re-election, and he indicated he was eligible. The position of Vice President is currently vacant.
 - b. Exercises:
 - i. RFAAP is already planning their 2016 exercise.

- ii. Pulaski County held a Winter Weather Tabletop Exercise last week. Kevin Sowers, EM for Floyd County, attended, and presented a brief report on that exercise. The scenario mimicked the severe winter weather experienced by Wise County this past December/January, and highlighted the need for local government officials to be trained in their roles in an EOC.
 - iii. NRV Health District conducted a Point of Distribution exercise at the Radford Firehouse. They offered flu shots as a way of testing their POD capacity, and were able to administer flu shots in a drive-through setting, with an average time of 3:36 between inoculations.
 - iv. Carilion Clinic NRV conducted a fire drill recently.
 - c. Education: Deputy Mark Hollandsworth of Montgomery County Sheriff's Office distributed information on a class to be held on January 13, 2016, on "Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities" presented by FEMA in conjunction with the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium. Contact: hollandsworthme@montgomerycountyva.gov, or 540-382-6900.
6. Ruth Ritchey, PIO of Montgomery County, and Bobby Parker, PIO for the Public Health region, led a discussion of public information best practices for emergency management. Also present were Becky McCabe, Virginia Dept. of Health Western Region; Cameron Austin, Roanoke Times New River Valley region; Derley Aguilar, Montgomery County Public Information; Justin Ward of WDBJ News, and Bethany Teague of WSLS News. The LEPC invited these reporters to future meetings to get to know emergency response personnel better, and to become better informed of emergency response protocols which will help them on future incidents.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.