

Montgomery County LEPC Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017

Meeting Location: WSSC 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD

LEPC Updates:

OEMHS Planning Section Updates (Marianne Souders)

Inauguration planning effort underway – OEMHS is finalizing a Concept of Operations document. Partial Activation of the EOC from 6 am to 10 pm for the inauguration on the 20th. Active Monitoring at the EOC 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday for post inauguration events and Women’s March.

Dam Plans: Plans are almost all in. OEMHS anticipates conducting a workshop in the future.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Montgomery County in draft. OEMHS anticipates end of 2017 for completion.

Emergency Managers Group (EMG) Strategic Plan: In process.

Volunteer Donations Management Plan: OEMHS is creating a first draft, anticipated around May 2017

COOP: Working on a Damage Assessment Plan as part of the COOP (damage to property, facilities and quantifying the damages and increasing situational awareness).

Shelter Operations Plan: Almost completed.

HazMat Permitting Program (Barbara Moore):

Reviewing the potential for a new HazMat permitting program.

Fire Rescue Haz Mat Update (Captain Ivan Browning):

FRS will be up-staffing Fire and Rescue units for the inauguration and will be sending units to DC.

Washington Gas Emergency Leak Response (Steve Himmelfarb):

Washington Gas response to local gas emergencies. Handout of two flyers Washington Gas uses to educate residents. Discussion on how to educate residents when they detect an odor of natural gas, how to keep utility room clear of combustibles, etc.

Washington Gas is always looking to liaison and work with local jurisdictions. Their training facility in Springfield (Pipetown) is available for first responders. The facility can train on natural gas fires, shutting gas lines down.

Note* WSSC oversees inspections of occupancies installing new gas appliances (new and existing structures).

WSSC Gas Connection Inspections (Edward James):

Discussion on gas connection inspections (how to schedule, compliance efforts) WSSC Inspection Services Unit conducts the inspections for new and existing structures and maintains the regulation side.

2016 Potomac Sheen Discharge: (David McDonough, WSSC)

Review of the 2016 Potomac Sheen Discharge. An oily substance was discovered in Potomac River by Whites Ferry personnel and reported in late November 2016. The potential existed to affect the water supplies for MD, VA and DC jurisdictions. Turbine oil from NRG Dickerson subsequently found to be the source. No water supplies were affected. Clean up and mitigation continues.

LEPC Vision and Mission Statement (LEPC Core Group):

Vision and Mission Statement drafts are out. Send Mitch Dinowitz any comments, he will compile and send out to group. Two meetings upcoming for the working group.

Next Meeting (Mitch Dinowitz):

April 20, 2017, looking for a host site. May hold the July meeting at the new MC Public Safety Training Academy.