

**Rockingham County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Reidsville Fire Department – Station 1
July 16, 2008**

Members Present: Ken Gusler – Siemens, Joe Wright – NCEM, Gary Wilkins – Piedmont Natural Gas, Bob Meador – Mohawk/Karastan, Marty Bullins – Mohawk/Karastan, Daniel Purgason – Williams Gas Pipeline, Doug Cline – Eden Fire, Sam Shelton – Eden Police, Joey Koford – Morehead Hospital, Mary Jo Press – MillerCoors, Melinda Ward – City of Eden, Terry Shelton – City of Eden, Kevin Cryblskey – Colonial Pipeline, Ted Nelson – RC Health Dept., Rodney Stewart – RCEMS, Lisa Ellington – RCEMS, Susan Hall – RC 9-1-1, David Bracken – Reidsville Fire, Jason Stogner - RCEM

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mary Jo Press at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked Reidsville Fire Department for hosting and providing refreshments.

Minutes of the April 2008 meeting were approved as presented. (1st: Joey Koford, 2nd: Lisa Ellington).

Training Update: Jason Stogner (in absence of Steve Hale)

- Jason spoke on Steve's behalf and began by mentioning there was an Ammonia Safety Day that will be held in Winston-Salem on August 29th. Jason had handouts for anyone interested in attending. He also announced that the County would be conducting a table-top exercise on August 23rd in Madison. The exercise would involve a train derailment and everyone was invited to attend. Lunch would be provided free of charge. Jason also announced the Red Cross would be hosting a Shelter Simulation on July 31st. Jason stated Steve was in the process of scheduling a HazMat Operations Class and was wondering if any additional classes were needed. He then talked about trying to obtain a 9-1-1 Training Simulator for RC 9-1-1 in efforts to establish a Public Education Program for teaching students and/or children, when and how to dial 9-1-1.

Emergency Management Report: Joe Wright

- Joe began by mentioning the State was working toward National Accreditation. He said the State should receive accreditation within the few months. Joe talked about the Domestic Preparedness and Readiness Regions (DPRR). He explained that Doug Cline and Rodney Stewart represented Rockingham County on the Committee. He briefly talked about the Capabilities Assessments. Joe stated that if anyone had any projects or ideas for the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant to let him or Steve know. Projects must be regionally based. An update on the Evans Road Fire was also given.

Old Business:

- Mary Jo mentioned she was still waiting on update regarding IC Training for Industry.

New Business:

- Joey Koford discussed the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis for Morehead Hospital. He asked members to look over the forms and to give comments back to him.
- Joe Wright discussed the importance of regionalization and the benefits agencies and/or departments can receive when working together.
- A discussion followed regarding resource capabilities within Rockingham County, including water availability. A group discussion was then initiated regarding having contracts in place for resource requests prior to an event or disaster.
- Other issues including the VIPER system and the rising cost of fuel were then discussed. The rising cost of fuel has affected every agency and members expressed their concerns and discussed how their agency was dealing with the situation.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 9am at Rockingham County Emergency Services.

(Postponed until February 18, 2009)

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Submitted by:
Jason Stogner
Secretary