

**Rockingham County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Agriculture Building
February 18, 2009
(Postponed October 2008 Meeting)**

Members Present: Ken Gusler – Siemens, Joe Wright – NCEM, Gary Wilkins – Piedmont Natural Gas, Daniel Purgason – Williams Gas Pipeline, Ted Nelson – RC Health Dept., Rodney Stewart – RCEMS, Lisa Ellington – RCEMS, Jason Stogner – RCEM, Kurt Cranson – MillerCoors, Shawn Tucker – A&D Environmental, Doug Vick – MillerCoors, Steve Hale – RCES, Joyce Parrish – RCDPH, Brannon Russel – Alcan, Diane Zihal – RCS, Jason Brooks – RCFMO, Robert Cardwell – RCFMO, Mike Comer – Madison FD, Grady Paschal – MillerCoors

The meeting was called to order by Steve Hale at 9:14 a.m.

Minutes of the July 2008 meeting were approved as presented. (1st: Gary Wilkins, 2nd: Ted Nelson).

Training Update: Steve Hale

- Steve said in the spring, there will be several NIMS class offerings beginning with 100 and 700. They will be followed by the offering of 200 and 800, with the hopes of providing 300 and 400 later in the year. He said the county is also looking into hazardous materials training in the spring. Steve also stated if any additional training was needed, to please let either himself or Jason Stogner know. He also advised about the EM Spring Conference and that classes would be provided, particularly the Incident Commander and Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools Train-the-Trainer.

Emergency Management Report: Joe Wright

- Joe began by announcing that North Carolina Emergency Management is now accredited. He said reaccreditation takes place every 5 years and was going to be a very daunting task. Joe then briefly discussed E-Plan and that industry may want to start looking into using the software. The use of E-Plan has been adopted by the State and they are currently promoting it very heavily.

Old Business:

- Doug Vick stated that a 40 hour HazWhopper class would be held at Miller with the dates to be determined. EnviroSAFE would be conducting the training. Miller's Annual Drill would be held on April 17 and everyone is invited to attend.

New Business:

- Dan Purgason, from Williams Pipeline, will be conducting a presentation at the next LEPC meeting.
- Steve announced that VIPER for the county should be “hot” by the end of the week when all four towers go live. The goal is to be active on the VIPER system on July 1st. He also stated that the move into the new building is still being delayed due to water issues.
- Steve reminded everyone of a Gang Recognition Workshop on April 14 and 16 starting at 9am. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Robert Cardwell announced that RJR donated a High Volume Ventilation Fan to the Fire Marshal’s Office. They are currently in the process of getting it operational.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 9am with the location to be either at the new Rockingham County Emergency Services Building or Agricultural Building.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Submitted by:
Jason Stogner
Secretary