

New River Valley Regional LEPC
(formerly) Montgomery County – Blacksburg LEPC

March 22, 2016

@ Carilion New River Valley Medical Center

Meeting Notes

1. The meeting was opened at 10:00 by David Linkous with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introductions of all attendees followed. 32 members and guests were present.
3. Reports/Standing business
 - a. Hazmat: David Linkous read Neal Turner's report on hazmat incidents in the previous quarter (see attached).
 - b. Dave solicited input from those in attendance about their desires for educational content at future meetings. None were received.
 - c. The following training sessions and exercises have been announced in our area in the coming months:
 - i. Basic Disaster Life Support, via NSPA, at Carilion New River, April 26
See attached information sheet
 - ii. FEMA Damage Assessment, via VDEM, at VT OEM, May 16
 - iii. FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility, via VDEM, at VT OEM, May 17
 - iv. FEMA Debris Management, via VDEM, at VT OEM, May 18
See <http://emupdate.tumblr.com/post/141211656350> for more information on these courses.
 - v. Radford Army Arsenal WMD Exercise
 1. Tabletop Exercise and walk-through March 23
 2. Full-scale Exercise April 30
 - d. Ebola update: Dave reported that the last country requiring traveler monitoring (Guinea) has been removed from the Ebola monitoring list. Therefore no one coming into the United States from Africa is required to be monitored enter the United States through designated ports of entry at this time.

- e. Host for February meeting: Rick Christ will attempt to secure the brand new Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters for the May 17 meeting. The backup location will be the Montgomery County Government Center.

4. Old Business: Regional Approach to LEPC.

- a. Christiansburg has agreed to join the LEPC, and Mayor Mike Barber was in attendance.
- b. The counties of Floyd, Giles and Pulaski, and the city of Radford were invited to join.

5. New Business

- a. Elections for officers were held. The results are:
 - i. Chair – David Linkous, Virginia Department of Health
 - ii. Vice Chair – Jeremy Williams, Virginia Tech EHS Fire Safety
 - iii. Public Information Officer – Ruth Richey, Montgomery County PIO
- b. The Hazardous Materials Emergency Officer is Neal Turner.
- c. The chair appointed Rick Christ as Secretary.

- 6. Rachel Arthur, District Coordinator for Team Rubicon, delivered a presentation on the services that they offer to localities in damage assessment, debris management, incident management team augmentation, and volunteer and donations management, and made an appeal for new volunteers, especially among veterans and first responders. See TeamRubiconUSA.org for more information or email Rachel.Arthur@TeamRubiconUSA.org.

- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.