

All Hazards Advisory Committee

Thursday July 1, 2004

CFD/CMPD Training Academy

Minutes

8:45 Coffee

9:00 Steve Norman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

9:05 Wayne Broome, Emergency Management, reported that the Urban Area grant is still in the possession of ODP. The 2003 Part I and Part II money is currently being spent. He recommended any agencies looking for grant money should check out the NC Governor's Crime Commission website: www.ncgccd.org/Index.cfm. He also recommended when applying for a grant to show that it will benefit multiple agencies and multiple disciplines in order to increase the odds of receiving grant money. Wayne proposed the idea that the committee tackles a Continuity of Operations (COOP) project.

9:15 Garry McCormick, Emergency Management, reported on the All Hazards Plan and opened the floor to discussion of how to keep the plan current. It was decided that the committee would review the whole plan within two years by dividing the annexes for quarterly review. If there is an incident or an exercise to occur during this time, it was decided to review the annex(es) the incident/exercise affected and update based on what was learned using after action reports. Garry then reported that someone from the press has requested a copy of the All Hazards Plan in its entirety. He asked the committee's permission to work with the City Attorney, County Attorney, and NC Attorney General to review the plan in order to protect some of the information under the guidelines of the Patriot Act. The committee granted permission. He also reminded everyone that any AHP documents are not to be shared and that any CD copies of the plan are old and outdated. The proper way for the public to access this information is to make a request to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management Office. He reported that there will be a demonstration of a safe-site system around Bank of America Stadium on July 27th and 28th. The safe-site system uses mobile sensors that are able to detect airborne dispersions of chemicals. If you are interested in seeing this demonstration, contact Chief McCormick at 704-336-2461 or by email at gmccormick@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

10:05 Stephen Keener, Mecklenburg County Public Health, reported on the 36-hour bio-terrorism drill. The scenario was a meeting at Bank of America took place on June 8th, and those in attendance were exposed to a cleaning product by someone

with a Middle Eastern name. On June 21st, people from the meeting were reporting to the hospitals with symptoms of smallpox. Some of the problems that became evident during the drill were the inadequacy of physical space and the inadequacy of technology at the EOC. Overall, all of the objectives of the drill were met.

10:10 Steve Norman, Emergency Management, reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will remain a part of AHAC and AHAC will act as the LEPC. This need for the LEPC has become apparent due to the problem of rezoning. Residential areas are being developed too close to established chemical facilities. He reported that he had met with the Planning Commission to discuss the issue. He was named the Public Safety Representative for the Industrial Use Review Committee and that committee's first meeting is July 15th. Steve also reported that the Tier II reporting system contracts are done and that the DCC listing/Reverse 911 calling system contracts are being finalized which will give us better capability to contact people in an emergency. He asked the committee if the Continuity of Operations project is a project the committee wants to tackle and the committee affirmed "yes." He then set meeting dates for AHAC for the third Thursday of every month until June 2005, except for August when there will be no meeting. The meeting dates are:

Thursday, September 16, 2004	Thursday, February 17, 2005
Thursday, October 21, 2004	Thursday, March 17, 2005
Thursday, November 18, 2004	Thursday, April 21, 2005
Thursday, December 16, 2004	Thursday, May 19, 2005
Thursday, January 20, 2005	Thursday, June 16, 2005

10:25 Wynn Mabry, Mecklenburg County Homeland Security, suggested meeting before the next AHAC meeting if the threat level of security is raised to discuss what the heightened level means and what it will affect.

10:35 Meeting adjourned.

***Next meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2004 at CFD/CMPD-TA at 9:00 am.**