

## **All Hazards Advisory Committee**

**Thursday February 17, 2005**

### **CFD/CMPD Training Academy**

#### **Minutes**

8:45 Coffee

9:00 Steve Norman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

9:05 Steve Norman gave an update on the REP program and the upcoming REP / McGuire Exercise. Off scenario demonstrations including school evaluations, traffic control, emergency worker decontamination, public sheltering and public decontamination will be conducted the week of July 25 – 29 2005. The EOC portion of the exercise will be held on Tuesday August 9, 2005. More information will be provided as the schedule is finalized.

Many members may have read the recent article in reference to Duke Power's decision to pursue potential alternative power sources to include new nuclear facilities. This is an initial step into looking at future power alternatives including nuclear power. There are no current plans to build a new nuclear facility or to place such a facility in the Charlotte area.

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Emergency Management Office in conjunction with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and the US Department of Energy will be sponsoring a MERRTT (Modular Emergency Radiological Response Transportation Training) course at the Charlotte Fire academy on June 21-23. This course is open to all interested individuals. More information will be available as the date approaches.

9:15 Wayne Broome gave the group an update on the Finance and Grant process. We have received an extension on the 2002 and 2003 Homeland Security Grants. All of the funds for the 2004 grants have been allocated to approved projects.

Wayne advised that the rules for the 2005 grants have changed significantly. The State has been awarded 26 million. Most of this allocation will be used to support statewide radio interoperability. Local level distributions will no longer be based on a base amount per county. Funds will be allocated to organizations or agencies based on an application process. The projects proposed must be regional in nature and address radio interoperability. Interested agencies and organizations can apply to the NC Crime Commission. <http://www.gcc.state.nc.us/>

Wayne gave the group an update on the DCC technology project. This is the reverse 911 system that was purchased with grant funds. The system has been installed and training will be provided to the primary users within the next week. The new system will encompass 96 outbound lines versus the 24 lines with the older system. This new capability will greatly enhance our ability to notify the public. The Tier II electronic submission project and the E-Team communication software projects are well underway.

CIRA exercise update: Wayne advised that overall the exercise went well. The exercise was beneficial in identifying several gaps and shortcomings that need to be addressed. The contractor for the exercise, Booze Alan Hamilton, is required to provide an after action report within 30 days. This report will be reviewed once received and the results shared with the group. Several issues were identified during the "Hot wash"

- Move from a Char-Meck CIRA plan to a Regional Plan
- Pre-identify locations for staging of incoming resources
- Support issues for the incoming resources.

9:50 Dr Mabry advised the group that DHS is now looking at issues involving the recovery efforts after an incident. Most exercises have concentrated on the initial response to an incident and few have considered the sometimes long and arduous recovery process. This new focus may eventually lead to recovery based exercise requirements.

9:55 Stephen Norman advised the group that the All Hazards Annex Plan review of Annex's D and E would be tabled until the March meeting. Chief Garry McCormick and Capt. Tony Bateman of the Charlotte Fire Department would be presenting the Hospital Protection Plan.

10:00 Chief Garry McCormick and Capt Tony Bateman presented the initial Hospital Protection Plan to the group and asked for feedback. This effort is in response to the realization that during and after an event many members of the public may flee to the area hospitals seeking evaluation and treatment. The group engaged in a very productive information sharing session. Several suggestions were made. The group will be updated on the progress of the project.

Thanks to Capt Tony Bateman for the hard work that he and others have put into this project.

10:40 Stephen Norman reminded the group of the next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 17, 2005. We will review Annex D (Roles and Responsibilities) and Annex E (Communications).

10:45 Meeting Adjourned.

**\*Next meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2005 at CFD/CMPD-TA at 9:00 am.**