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**LOCAL EMERGENCY
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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday July 1, 2013

8:00 AM – 11:15 PM

American Red Cross – 4800 Mt. Hope Drive

Welcome and Remarks:

- The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman C.P. Hsia at 8:20 am. Motion was made by Blaise D'Ambrosio and seconded by Tony Bennett to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting. Introduction of and greetings by newly promoted MOEM Deputy Director Connor Scott.
- Welcome and overview of the American Red Cross mission and operations by Scott Salemme, Executive Director and Cathy Lafleur, Emergency Services Director, of the Chesapeake Region Red Cross.

Government Reports:

Incidents and Events – FF Anthony Smith, Operations - MOEM

An overview of notable BCFD and MOEM response incidents that have occurred since the last LEPC Meeting which included: several multiple alarm fires, water main breaks, an EOC activation, and a Mass Casualty at a Johns Hopkins University facility located at 3910 Keswick Road.

Emergency Management Training/NIMS – Connor Scott, MOEM

All LEPC partners (government, public and private business, non-profit organizations and citizens) are encouraged to take advantage of the many training opportunities that are provided by MOEM, and are invited to participate in the upcoming planned exercises. MOEM is coordinating efforts with the 7/11 Stores Corporation to indentify and explore best practices of their Continuity of Operations Plan.

Recent and Upcoming Exercises:

- Camden Yards TTX
 - March 13th. Active shooter scenario.
- Regional Catastrophic Preparedness
 - Seminar, March 18th
 - Tabletop, April 15th
- BGE Liquefied Natural Gas Facility TTX
 - May 6th
- Recreation and Parks TTX
 - June 3rd – Crisis Communications

- Maryland Statewide TTX
 - July 16th
- Maryland Stadium Authority TTX
 - September 24th
- Maryland Central Region TTX
 - September 24th
- Anyone interested in observing or playing in the exercises should contact chi-poe.hsia@baltimorecity.gov

Upcoming Training Events:

- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course, Mondays in July
- ICS 400, July 9th-10th
- ICS 300, July 16th-18th
- HSEEP, August 6th-8th
- ICS 400, August 14th-15th
- Sports and Special Events Incident Management, August 27th-28th
- Social Media for Disaster Preparedness & Response, October 15th

Upcoming Conferences:

- The 2013 Emergency Preparedness and Hazmat Conference will be held October 13 – 17 at the Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace. LEPC members are again being offered and are encouraged to take advantage of the special rate of \$75 to attend the entire conference. The next LEPC meeting is being conducted at and in conjunction with the Conference on Tuesday, October 15th. There will be no charge to attend the meeting, and a continental breakfast will be provided.
- Secured Cities 2013
Urban Security and Municipal Surveillance, Nov 14-15
<http://securedcities.com/>

Emergency Operations Plan Update – CP Hsia:

All interested LEPC members are encouraged to participate in updating the Baltimore City Emergency Operations Plan. Those interested should email chi-poe.hsia@baltimorecity.gov by July 19th.

The EOP:

- Sets roles and responsibilities for government agencies as well as private partners
- Activated when an emergency exceeds the capacity of a single agency or is beyond the scope of normal operations
- Plans for all-hazards, based on Emergency Support Functions (ESF)
- “building blocks” of disaster operations

The Public Meetings to work on the EOP update will be held at the Public Safety Training Academy 3500 W. Northern Parkway, Room 200, and the schedule is as follows (two meetings per day to accommodate those who can come during the workday and those who cannot):

- **Thursday, July 25th**
 - ESF 6: Sheltering and Mass Care
 - ESF 8: Health and Medical
 - ESF 11: Public Information and Warning
 - ESF 15: Donations and Volunteer Management
 - ESF 16: Animal Protection

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Thursday, Aug. 1st**
 - ESF 1: Transportation

- ESF 2: Communication
 - ESF 3: Public Works, Engineering, and Utilities
 - ESF 12: Energy
- 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- **Thursday, August 15th**
 - ESF 7: Resource Support
 - ESF 10: Hazardous Materials Response
 - ESF 14: Recovery
- 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Neighborhood Initiative – Kevin Cleary, MOEM

“Team Baltimore” has extensive experience with the Incident Community System -ICS - responding to incidents and managing large scale events under Mayor Rawlings-Blake

- ICS supports a single set of objectives under a commonly-accepted management structure
- ICS supports cooperation, coordination & communication

The Mayor asked us to test:

Can the ICS be used effectively to support objectives and deliver resources to a specific community in a non-emergency environment...creating a “Community ICS” model?

Following ICS guidelines two Public Safety Initiatives have been successfully conducted, in the Oliver Community and in the Western District. Objectives of the initiatives included support of BPD operations, engage community members, and connect residents with resources. Door knocking teams comprised of BPD, BCFD, PRA and community representatives were dispatched, Resource Fairs were conducted and community meetings were held during each of the initiatives.

Community ICS Conclusion:

- ICS is an effective management tool for mobilizing resources during non-emergency community interventions
- Agencies & stakeholders familiar with EOC activation comfortable with ICS model – those not normally activated less so – broader training and exposure is encouraged
- www.fema.gov/ has easy-to-take online courses

Health Department Report – Adam Conway

The Code Read Heat Advisory program is up and ready to provide the necessary resources during the notoriously hot weather period in Baltimore City particularly during the months of July and August. Weather monitoring is being conducted. Public messaging will be established on the BCHD website and at the 311 call center which will include information on cooling center locations where water will be provided.

Also being monitored are several disease outbreaks throughout the world which have not yet impacted the US. Such as:

- Bird Flu in China (so far only from actual contact with birds/poultry – not human to human contact)
- Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome in Saudi Arabia and Yemen. There was one case reported in Great Britain but that person had recently returned from a trip to the Middle East. So far there have been 77 confirmed cases which resulted in 40 deaths from this disease.
- Mortality rates from both diseases are expected to fall as more cases are identified.

Special Events – Lieutenant Brian Bovaird, MOEM

MOEM is publishing a weekly special events briefing which captures all events that have applied for a City permit. To receive the briefing, please email brian.bovaird@baltimorecity.gov.

MOEM is also starting to streamline and unify the event permitting process to ensure all stakeholders have situational awareness.

Upcoming Events include:

- **Ports America 4th of July Celebration**
July 4, 2013; Inner Harbor
- **African American Festival**
July 6 & 7; M&T Bank Stadium
- **Caribbean Festival**
July 12-14; Lake Clifton Park
- **Artscape**
July 19-21; Mt. Royal Ave
- **Premier League Soccer Match**
July 21s; M&T Bank Stadium
- **Legends of Summer Concert**
August 8; M&T Bank Stadium
- **Grand Prix of Baltimore**
August 30-September 1; Downtown
- **NFL Kickoff**
September 5, 2013; Inner Harbor
- **The Shindig**
September 14, 2013; Carroll Park
- **John Waters Music & Arts Festival**
October 19, 2013; Patterson Park
- **Star Spangled Spectacular**
September 6-16, 2014

Baltimore Running Festival – Lee Corrigan, President of Corrigan Sports accompanied by Tom Truffer, Operations Manager:

Corrigan Sports has partnered with the City to host the Baltimore Running Festival for the past 13 years. The event which is held on either the first or second Saturday of October has raised more than \$8 million for charities since its inception. Also, an estimated \$38 million is pumped into the economy and \$750K is generated in local taxes each year. Emergency Preparedness, Medical Preparations, Security and Communications planning are well underway for this year's festival.

Community Groups and Non- Profits

- **American Red Cross – Chris Young**
The ARC Chesapeake Region assisted 2700 Clients during the FY ending June 30, 2013 which included 200 single family fires and 61 multiple family fires in Baltimore City. Currently involved in ongoing preparations for Hurricane Season which include an onsite Hurricane Trailer stocked with resources to support the sheltering of up to 800 people.

- **Morrell Park and St. Pauls' Improvement Association - Wayne Sherman**
An overview of their Emergency Community Aid Partnership (ECAP) whose objective is to organize and use community resources as tools against the onslaught of both natural and manmade disasters and promote disaster awareness and preparedness along with training. WWW.ECAPMD.com
- **CERT/Citizen Corp Update – Charles Smith**
Planning has begun to schedule monthly Citizen Corp Meetings and expand the community outreach efforts. The overall goal is to incorporate the many local community specific CERT teams into one overall Baltimore Team.
 - April 19-21: class of 35 to form a new team
 - June 27th: Baltimore City instructors assisted Maryland Citizen Corps with first aid and preparedness instruction for Cub Scout Day Camp
 - June 29th: Formidable Footprint virtual tabletop exercise on Solar Storms
 - June 29 and 30: National Capital CERT Convention
 - July 14th: Search and Rescue full-scale exercise at Morgan State University
 - July 13-14: Anne Arundel County CERT train-the-trainer course

Presentation:

City of Baltimore Disaster Preparedness and Planning Project Overview – Kristin Baja, Hazard Mitigation Planner

Progress to date includes:

- Completed hazard identification and assessment
- Identified 55 hazard mitigation and climate adaption strategies
- Generated list of lead agencies, stakeholders and co-benefits
- Identified timeframe and initial prioritization
- Conducting HAZUS analysis to identify risk and vulnerabilities
- Conducted public outreach meetings focused on floods
- Currently completing data analysis and writing the plan

A public meeting has been scheduled for July 30 at the War Memorial Building, 6:00 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15. The next LEPC meeting is being conducted in conjunction with the Conference on Tuesday, October 15th at the Baltimore Renaissance Innerharbor.