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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 25, 2013

8:00 AM – 11:45 PM

Morgan State University

Welcome and Remarks:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair C.P. Hsia at 8:15 AM.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 26, 2012.
- Connor Scott gave greetings on behalf of Deputy Robert Maloney and thanked Morgan State University for hosting.
- Campus Police Chief Andre Wiggins on behalf of University President Dr. David Wilson welcomed the LEPC and gave a brief overview of the Morgan Mile Strategy, a plan to make a comprehensive outreach to residents and businesses within a one mile radius of the campus.

Baltimore Urban Area Working Group

- **Baltimore UASI – Cal Bowman, Chair**
 - The region, with Baltimore City as the core, is comprised of a total of seven jurisdictions; The City of Annapolis and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties. UASI Grant Funds have been used to make significant investments to build capabilities in preparedness to address manmade as well natural threats to the region, and also to identify significant gaps that remain. Funding has gone down in recent years, and the region must carefully consider how money is spent.
- **Regional Threat and hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Capability Estimation – Steve Davis, AHC**
 - The Baltimore UASI is the only Region piloting capability estimation with FEMA. In addition to accounting for resources we have, resources, we need, and where to focus remaining dollars, the information obtained will assist in updating the UASI Strategy and making us well positioned if and when a grant funding consolidation process comes to fruition.

Government Reports:

- **Incidents – Fire Fighter Anthony Smith**

- As an Auxiliary Member of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management FF Smith gave a brief overview of the many incidents that OEM has responded to in support of the commanding agency during this past reporting period, which includes but is not limited to:
 - Multiple alarm fatal fires
 - Major water main breaks
 - Extreme flooding
 - Gas main eruption
 - Sanitary line break and back up
 - Hazmat incidents

Training and Exercises - Connor Scott Connor.Scott@baltimorecity.gov

- In preparation for the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program TTX this Spring, a seminar has been scheduled (Monday, March 18th at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Baltimore City) with the goal to present public safety officials, continuity planners, and other stakeholders with useful planning considerations that will inform future preparedness efforts and mitigation priorities. The exercise will focus on research, planning efforts, and tools developed to anticipate the challenges and manage the outcomes of a catastrophic incident. The seminar is part of a series of tabletops based on a nuclear detonation in Washington, DC.
- Upcoming Trainings:
 - March 5-7, 2013 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools
 - March 7, 2013 Emergency Planning for Campus Executives
 - March 12-14, 2013 Homeland Security Planning for Local Government
 - March 19-21, 2013 Emergency Management Operations Course for Local Governments
 - March 25-26, 2013 EOC Management and Operations
 - March 27, 2013 ICS/EOC Interface
 - April 23, 2013 Social Media for Disaster Response and recovery
 - August 27 & 28, 2013 Sports and Special Events Incident Management
 - Week of June 3, 2013 ICS 300
 - Week of July 8, 2013 ICS 400
 - Week of July 15, 2013 ICS 300
 - Week of August 12, 2013 ICS 400
- Upcoming Conferences:
 - 2013 Emergency Preparedness and Hazmat Conference Baltimore Renaissance Harborplace, October 13-17
 - Secured Cities 2013 Urban Security and Municipal Surveillance, Nov 14-15
- All Baltimore City trainings are listed on the MEMA calendar: <http://mema.maryland.gov/memacommunity/Pages/exerciseandtraining.aspx>
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- **Emergency Operation Plan Update – C.P. Hsia** chi-poe.hsia@baltimorecity.gov
 - The EOP is a policy/framework which defines roles and responsibilities for government agencies and the private sector during an event which exceeds the scope of normal operations. It is a fluid document and is usually updated based upon lessons learned during exercises or actual events. MOEM is planning to form a subcommittee of the LEPC to meet and to go over EOP by ESF with the goal of having finalized updated recommendations by the 2013 Fall LEPC meeting.

Baltimore City Planning Department - Ken Hranicky, Flood Plain Manager

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- A request was made to the members of the LEPC to come together to assist in constructing a message to be disseminated to the private sector regarding the National Flood Insurance Program, the All Hazards Mitigation Plan and the New Flood Plain Maps which will be presented to all interested stakeholders on March 27th in the War Memorial Building.

Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response Team Overview (VIPER) - Rob Mapp, DHS
VIPER was established by the Federal Air Marshals Service as a Law Enforcement entity to augment the Transit Security System to oversee the movement of people or product by multiple modes of transportation such as aviation, surface rail, maritime and pipeline.

Non-Profit Reports:

- **Pascal Papouras - Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MD VOAD):**
 - Pursuing 501 3C (Charitable Organization Status so as to be able to pursue foundation grants)

Citizens and Communities Reports:

- **Citizens Corp Council - Charles Smith, Chair:**
Updates:
 - Kevin Cleary is new program manager and MOEM liaison to the Citizen Corps Council
 - Working with newly formed National Capital Region CERT (DC, VA, MD) to share trainings and opportunities
 - November 2012 class at MonteVerde Senior Apartments
 - February 2013 class for Morgan State University students
 - February 22-24 class had 26 participants

Upcoming Events:

- Patient Assessment refresher, Wednesday March 13th
- April refresher class, date TBD
- April CERT class for a faith group
- CERT Olympics, Sunday May 19th at the Fire Training Academy

Panel Discussion - Active Shooter –

- **Adrian Wiggins, Morgan State University**
 - **Antonio Williams, University of Maryland**
 - **Alice Watson, Baltimore City Schools**
 - **Marshall Goodwin, Baltimore City School Police Department**
 - **Gordon Schluderberg, Baltimore Police Department**
- Distinction was made that a shooting is considered an act of violence and that an active shooter is when a gunman is present with the capability and possible intent to inflict harm to others.
 - The primary responsibility of responding Law Enforcement officers is to stop the shooter. They will not stop to help victims.
 - Advice to anyone in active shooter situations includes:
 - Remain Calm and follow directions

- Keep hands visible and do not carry anything in your hands (such as cell phones, etc)
 - Limit communication with Law Enforcement to brief direct intel only
- School police, university police, and BPD have been training together for effective deployments and to share knowledge and skills.
- Policy for institutions should be realistic, simple, and practiced. Having unrealistic plans or not practicing the plans leads to failure.
 - Risk management and legal counsel must have input

After a robust question and answer session with the Panelists, the meeting adjourned at 11:45.