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LEPC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 6 2014

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Baltimore Museum of Industry, 1415 Key Highway, 21230

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 February 11, 2014.
- Connor Scott gave greetings on behalf of Deputy Robert Maloney and thanked the Museum of Industry for their hospitality. He also gave a status report on the landslide incident on 26th Street. This incident has displaced residents from their homes for what could possibly be as long as 40 days, but contractors are working diligently to hopefully reduce that to maybe as soon as 10 days. A more detailed report will be given at the next LEPC meeting.

Government Reports:

Incidents – Fire Fighter Anthony Smith

- 4120 Grace Ct.- Dwelling Fire 3 Code F
- 1907 N. Pulaski St.- Dwelling Fire 2 Code F
- 1700 BLK South Road- Water Main with road collapse / sinkhole
- 400 Millington Ave- Sprinkler Activation
- Broadway and Eastern Ave- Confined Space Rescue
- 3800 W. Belvedere Ave- Flooded basement
- 1010 St. Paul St.- Apt. Fire /2 alarms
- 1100 Whitmore Av- Hazmat/ Inv.
- 3601 Leo St- Hazmat/ Inv.
- 4701 Greenspring Ave.- School Lockdown
- Belair Road and North Ave- Police shot of Duty
- I-83S at Pepsi Sign- Vehicle Accident with Ejection
- Moravia Rd/ Truesdale- Water main
- 620 S. Lehigh St- Flooded Building
- 2521 E. Lombard St- Building Fire
- Falls Rd/ Smith Ave- Evacuation of Meadow Mills, Post Office, Whole foods.
- 3600 blk Clipper Mill Rd- Evacuation of Clipper Mill complex
- 26th St. and N. Charles- Landslide onto CSX tracks

Training and Exercises - Connor Scott

- **U.S. Postal Service full scale exercise**
 - June 10th, Fayette Street building
- **Casino Opening Tabletop**
 - Summer 2014
- **Star Spangled Spectacular**
 - Summer 2014
- **Water Taxi Exercise**
 - July 16th, Inner Harbor
- **Army/Navy Game Tabletop Exercise**
 - Fall 2014

Connor provided information on the FEMA provided Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP) and National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.

The Center for Domestic Preparedness is a member of the Department of Homeland Security, National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, and offers fully funded training for eligible responders. Resident Training Schedule: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/schedule/>

Anyone interested in any of the available trainings being offered or attending any of the upcoming exercises either as a participant or an observer should contact Connor Scott. Connor.Scott@baltimorecity.gov

Public Safety Initiative – Kevin Cleary

- The Public Safety Initiative brings together teams of representatives from various Government Agencies who go door to door to offer available resources to residents in a targeted area. Some of the resources offered include Fire Inspections, Blood Pressure Screenings, Installation of Free Smoke Detectors, and substance abuse counseling and treatment. There are four planned for this year. The most recent was held in the Monument/Madison area. During each initiative, a Resource Fair is held at an indoor venue within the Community where residents can obtain detailed information and guidance regarding all available resources provided by the local government.
- Upcoming Initiatives:
 - Lower Park Heights – early June
 - Westside Biopark Poppleton – mid-August
 - Barclay Greenmount East – early October

Baltimore City Health Department – Meaghan Stepanek

- Code Red – Monitoring of high temperature weather conditions will begin in May. Public messaging will direct citizens to call 311 for information on the location of open cooling centers. The Health Department has printouts with information about Public Health Preparedness and Community Health Resilience which can be obtained for distribution by calling 443-984-2622. Information is available: <http://www.baltimorehealth.org/coderedinfo.html>
- The first US Patient to test positive for the often deadly Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) is recovering. The patient is a Health Care Worker in Saudi Arabia who was visiting family in Indiana. The patient is improving and expected to be released from the hospital soon.

A More Sustainable and Resilient Baltimore – Kristin Baja, Planning Department/Office of Sustainability

- On April 22, 2014 (Earth Day), the Office of Sustainability in cooperation with various other City Agencies sponsored a Community Preparedness and Resilience Fair which was attended by more than 300 people. This was an interactive event where attendees were providing assistance to actually create a Family Emergency Plan and to build an Emergency Kit with items that were provided to them free of charge.
- Similar events on a smaller scale are being planned throughout the summer in conjunction with community meetings and events.
- Future plans include expanding the Sustainable and Resilience concept to business and coordination efforts with other counties and eventually statewide.
- Website for a More Sustainable and Resilient Baltimore
<http://baltimorehazards.wordpress.com/>

Non-Profits:

Central Maryland Chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners – Ginna Rodrigues

- The next meeting of the Central Maryland Chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners is May 14, 2014 at the American Red Cross Building, 4800 Mount Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215. Register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/acp-of-central-maryland-5906209071?s=23643605>

Changing the ICS Model – Mary Lasky, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

A presentation was made on the JHU APL Continuity Plan and the process which initially began with the formation of an Incident Management Team back in 2001 to the current structure utilizing ICS. Table Top Exercises were conducted using different hazard scenarios to help define the roles of the newly formed response teams, and all members of the team are required to complete NIMS ICS Courses 100, 200 and 700.

American Red Cross – Chris Young

- Recently provided assistance to students, parents, and staff during an incident at a school in Baltimore City.
- Currently assisting residents affected by the landslide on 26th Street.

CEAS - Joe Aiello BNET Inc.

- **CEAS** is a pre-event credentialing program, which authenticates critical business employees for access to restricted areas following a disaster or serious emergency. Advances to regionalize the system are being worked on utilizing UASI funds in the NYC area and will include scanning from mobile devices.

Citizens and Communities Report

CERT – Kevin Cleary

- The next regular CERT neighborhood training will be held on the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13 at the Pimlico Training facility
- Kevin will be attending training next week at Emmitsburg for Train-the-Trainer class

- We will be working with Loyola University Maryland to create a Campus CERT team in the fall
- We have a couple of CERT volunteers respond to our call for help with our recent Madison Monument Public Safety Initiative in East Baltimore. One served for two days as our Outreach Branch Director.

Panel Discussion - Active Shooter in the Columbia Mall

Captain John McKissick, Howard County Department of Police

Assistant Chief John Jerome, Operations – Howard County Fire & Rescue

Sherry Llewellyn – Director of Communications & Public Information, Howard County Department of Police

The panelist gave a robust presentation on the event which began January 25th at approximately 1115 hours on a very cold Saturday with the first reports to 911 of an active shooter in the Columbia Mall. The response occurred so quickly that by 1129 hours, Command was able to report that there were 3 deceased of which one was believed to be the shooter. Unified Command and Incident Command had been established immediately. There were 493 calls into the 911 Center within the first 45 minutes. Dispatchers were commended for their calm and professional performance. Numerous FD and PD units from around the region responded and were staged. The incident continued as police cleared the mall store by store, sweeping for explosives and more casualties.

Challenges during the event included overwhelming of the Communications Center, overcrowding of the Command Center, staging of multiple responders, and a dual radio system of Fire and Police.

A major success was the incredible impact made by messaging via Social Media/Twitter from Police PIO to the People in the Mall, the Media, and the Public in General. Only known facts were disseminated, but communication was ongoing if only to report that there was nothing new to report. Early detection and rebuttal of misinformation was also crucial.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Details of the next meeting will be disseminated at least one month in advance of the meeting date.