

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATION COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF January 11, 2013 Meeting

E. Schneyer opened the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

E. Schneyer: Did everyone receive a copy of last October's minutes? Were there any objections or changes? A motion to accept minutes; Lt. Rung seconds the motion.

New Business:

The Commissioner is unavailable today, so I am standing in on the meeting. Welcome everyone. Let us go around room and do introductions.

E. Schneyer: We are going to start with Ed Moltzen, who has been heading off our recovery. He will explain what is going on and where we are at in the recovery process for the Hurricane Sandy storm.

E. Moltzen: (IT Dept.) Just some numbers # we get from FEMA on a continues basis. Since the storm, 27,925 SC residents have applied for FEMA aid of those. Out of those 7,149 applied for rental assistance. FEMA told us a couple of weeks ago that the storm affected areas, there are about 250 vacant rental apartments. So entire housing system remains stressed right now. One of those areas is a separated FEMA temporary shelter program that puts SC residents up in Hotels and have no place to go. As of last night 193 people, 118 households that FEMA has been putting up in hotels and that program had been set to expire. We learned last night that FEMA has agreed to extend 14days. So we are looking at another month of this program. Right now, we are trying to put them into long-term housing. Most of owned their home when Sandy hit. Almost all of them had flood insurance and if they are still in hotels, they have not been able to get the repairs done. Therefore, it is a slow moving process. That has led to stress on the housing stock. FEMA, NYS, Red Cross, and County employees as a working group to deal with this issue and get them out of the Hotels. We will still have another 7,000 people that are on rental assistance that is going to run out. It will be a long difficult process and key area we are working on. Another part of the story is that we had 136 dorm rooms @ NYIT for people that are displaced. Only two (2) families made use of that housing. That is the least attractive alternative to families. It will be a key area of recovery.

E. Schneyer: Any indication how long housing recovery will go on. I know you said thirty (30) to sixty (60) days.

E. Moltzen: Thirty (30) to sixty (60) days for the transitional folks. We are looking at 27,000 people applied for FEMA aid. We have thousands and thousands of homes that are going to need repairs. We have a limited time with contractors, so there is only so much can be done all @ once. We have a flood insurance situation that is very difficult. It takes thirty (30) to ninety (90) days for claims to be processed and now the banks are listed as co- signatory and have to release a little at a time. It is a very very slow process, so we can be here a year from now and even beyond that.

C. Bodkin: There as a FEMA program about raising housing up?

Ed Moltzen: yes that is the_hazard_mitigation program and still in the process. We are in the less than 5% of the recovery process. We still have 95% to go. The way that program works is under the Stafford Act, which will govern the use of Federal Funds for disaster recovery. FEMA will

decide on the amount of funds that will be made available to the State. That money will be assigned to NYS, and communities like Suffolk, Islip or Brookhaven will make applications to the State including funds to raise homes and building. NYS hasn't release their guidelines yet, but they are going to have to protect for future hazards and show that they will save money in Suffolk County. We know there has been a lot of flooding in Lindenhurst, Amityville and Mastic. This time next year, we will start seeing progress. I think in 2010 the storms that flooded / impacted Riverhead, the federal funding just came through for those homes.

E. Schneyer: In the hazard mitigation funds typically are a percentage % of the overall total costs of the event. If they find out the event was a million dollars and only 15% will be dedicated to mitigation, but we are nowhere near finalizing that costs. Yet there is a lot of work to be done and most of these houses will be re-built for improvement before the mitigation money comes through. Some people are walking away from their homes. They are finding out it is not cost effective or didn't have flood insurance or still have a big mortgage. I have seen homes in Babylon on the water going for nothing, it is a steal.

C. Bodkin: the number one questions to ask, I think people do not know where to go?

E. Schneyer: we have to re-cover before we go into mitigation. We only just transitioned into recovery a couple of weeks ago.

C. Bodkin: It is the town's that will apply for it and people should reach out to their towns?

E. Schneyer: yes it is a multi-district plan and there is pre-identify plan. Applicant is going to be by townships. Long turn out process, have to appreciate the Federal government side of it. They don't want to put money in and they wait to all insurance policies are finalized. Another program they are looking at is in areas that they get a foot of water. Possibility to just elevate the utilities, take the boilers outside of the basement, and put on side of building- out of the flood zone, same with electrical panels.

E. Moltzen: They want to stop paying \$25,000 / \$30,000 a pop for people to replace their hot water heaters. So that should be in the State guidelines. The government is talking about smart planning. We are talking to Towns and Villages about building codes, and whether or not they may need to be alternated for the future.

E. Schneyer: this will not be done in a short fashion. Whatever changes they make it will be there a long time. This a precedent storm for us

C. Bodkin: you have to hand it to the forecaster's - the storm center was right on!

E. Schneyer: We met with the NWS yesterday and talked about the tools they were using and they were very excited with the Sandy assessment team

E. Schneyer: discussion about the Warehouse, which is 9,000 sq. ft. and were looking to stock it with water and MRE's. We just occupied it in the summer and after the storm hit and were inundated with water and supplies. Now we don't have enough room and it is jam packed full. We have additional storage 200 pallets of MRE's in Central Islip. Looking for another 18,000 sq. ft. warehouse and it will be beneficial to us, (we have USAI funds available to us).

C. Bodkin: MacArthur Airport has hanger space up there, and it is good high ground.

E. Schneyer: one of problems is that MRE are supposed to be kept in a cool environment.

C. Bodkin: I didn't know about that.

E. Schneyer: they will last longer that way.

C. Bodkin: I'm not sure that is available.

E. Schneyer: Yes, it is hard to find. So hopefully we will be looking for a new place soon. Debris mgmt. totals were way off Vegetative debris for SC was about 330,000 and it was over a million cubic yards and we have 16,000 of mixed C&D debris right now. The numbers # are much higher than they thought. Worried about the air quality at the burn units and had to put in air monitors around the landfill. They also put additional monitors out There has been some pressure from town of Brookhaven. We are doing a lot of chipping to reduce the burning. The burners cost about \$20,000 a day to run. So any drills or discussions?

B. Delagi: FRES and SC PD got together and would make a law enforcement device / exercise on intelligent sharing and detection. There will be a component where we actually have a detonation where IMAT will take us through the first 48hrs post detonation and that is scheduled for February. Putting together an exercise plan to re-visit our chemical pack plan, which is part of the Strategic National Stock Pile plan, deals with specifically chemical aging antidote. Several hospitals have the package and consider hub hospitals and several who do not, and are consider spoke hospitals. We have a plan to include the Sheriff's office and Police Dept. to deliver those packages to the hospital or on the scene. Expected to do in March.

E. Schneyer: is this a functional exercise

We are going to move stuff and mostly be communication across the agencies/ hospitals request the assets and have people do the paperwork. We do want to send vehicle to these locations to confirm loading docks.

B. Delagi: I want to bring everyone up to date on the Health Dept. issues. As far as Super storm Sandy, we are still in recovery phase ourselves and we had our 2nd meeting with FEMA / State. Public assistance application and will have it completed by January. We are looking about \$450,000 in reimbursement costs for the Health Dept. In Partnership with FRES, we applied for a MAKO grant for our jeep program. Hopefully we will get that grant and be able to enhance that program. We are continuing meeting with our other partners on emergency planning and are very involved seasonal influenza. The state is recording widespread. Every one of our hospitals is at 110% capacity & some are as high 130% capacity and results in waiting time for doctors and ambulances. Vaccine is only 60% effective and people who are getting the flu have to be admitted this year. To remind people to get the flu shot.

E. Schneyer: Is there any unique symptoms, from this flu suppose to the last one?

Lt. Rung: You do not think it's too late to get vaccinated.

B. Delagi: No, it is not too late to be vaccinated.

Old Business:

New Warehouse

A motion was made by E. Schneyer to adjourn meeting and second the motion; All in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Members Present	Department	Staff Present
E. Schneyer	FRES	R. Paladino
R. Brockman	Parks Police Dept.	
J. Rung	Sheriff's Office	
B. Delagi	Health Service	
	County Executive	
P. Kalan	Police Dept.	
R. Donald	IT Dept.	
	FRES	
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C. Bodkin	Legislature	
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NEXT MEETING	April 12, 2013
TIME	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank

