

Minutes of the February 12, 2009
Meeting of the
North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders
Fayetteville, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M. by President Glenn Clapp. Sixteen members and visitors were present.

President Clapp welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and thanked Fayetteville Fire Department for hosting the meeting and Canberra for providing lunch.

Secretary Sherry Rigouard presented the minutes from the November 13, 2008 meeting. Danny Smith made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Nick Guay.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Secretary Rigouard in Treasurer Frank Burns' absence. As of December 31, 2008 the balance is \$7,760.86. Invoices for membership dues will be sent this month. Brian Amerson made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Wesley Joyner.

Old business: None

New Business:

1. Training Opportunities/Outreach

President Clapp asked those present for comment on the topic of setting a budget for training/outreach to offer classes or continue to handle expenses on an as needed basis. A budget would provide a set amount of money to help cover out of state speakers for classes, Street Smart Chemistry, Ammonia Safety Day-type events, etc.

A point was made that we have a lot of expertise in this state without having to go out of state to procure speakers. Discussion to provide money to the Technician program ensued. The Tech program will need money because of revamping due to the new 472. The money would support the education the attendees receive. This would support the development of hazmat responders. Each team has technicians taught in the program. Helping out with funding would ensure a positive experience with all of the necessary materials. The NCAHMR logo could possibly be added to the manuals as a supporter of the class. The funds could be administered on a case by case basis to replace broken equipment. Someone would interact with Derrick Clouston to determine to provide funds when the OSFM's budget gets exhausted.

2. Website Update

There was miscommunication with the payment so the site has been down for a couple of weeks. A payment was sent, but the company did not record properly record it. The website should be up and running again soon.

Secretary Rigouard suggested adding draft minutes to the website so that members unable to attend a meeting would be able to stay updated.

A member suggested establishing a forum discussion for members. The forum could be a place to discuss the 472 update and other topics.

3. Gateway 2009

The Conference is next week in Raleigh. It addresses what direction fire service/emergency response should go. President Clapp requested any Hazmat concerns that he should take to the meeting. Suggestions were ethanol and bio-diesel hazards. Outcome information will be provided to the association.

4. Hazmat Fusion Center

This is a clearinghouse for information. The Regional Incident Surveillance Teams (RIST) observe an event after the fact to collect information and offer insight. The teams are active on the West coast and should have leaders and members named in the Southeast soon. For more information go to the IAFC website.

5. Businesses abandoned facilities

Ken Rhame discussed closed businesses are sometimes leaving behind waste that can be released by vandals or thieves. In one instance there were 1000 55-gallon drums left at a facility. In another instance, 15,000 gallons of oil was released when a tank was stolen for the scrap metal. Copper piping may also be removed when products are still in the piping causing a release.

Committee Reports:

1. Education and Outreach Committee

President Clapp presented the report in Abby Moore's absence. A meeting is scheduled with Mike Sprayberry to discuss possibly partnering with NCEM for the NCSFA Conference next year and years to come. This partnership could possibly bring a national speaker for the conference.

Training Reports:

- NCFRSRI: May 6-9, 2009
Speakers: 472 - Derrick Clouston; WMD - Mark Freeman; CAMEO – Glenn Clapp; Anhydrous Ammonia – Mike Chapman; and Radiologic – David Richtmeyer
- Railcar Awareness: University of Finley from Ohio will be in Western NC – no date yet.
- Raleigh - Chemistry class in June
- Debbie Hilliard has a class starting 3/24/2009 for 2 weeks
- Wilmington will have a class after Memorial Day
- Proposed tech class in Conover through OSFM starts 3/23/2009 for 2 weeks

The next meeting of the NCAHMR will be held at the NCSFRI Conference at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, May 7, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

Danny Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hieu Sifford. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Vendors:

David Gebbie of Canberra provided a presentation on radiological monitoring equipment until 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry G. Rigouard, MPH

Minutes of the May 7, 2009
Meeting of the
North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders
Asheville, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by President Glenn Clapp. Twelve members and visitors were present.

President Clapp welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting.

Secretary Sherry Rigouard presented the minutes from the February 12, 2009 meeting. Frank Burns made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Hieu Sifford.

Treasurer Frank Burns presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance is \$10,220.12. Three more payments have been received since the last deposit 5/6/2009. Abby Moore made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Hieu Sifford.

Old business:

1. Training/Budget Opportunities
 - Basic awareness training for railcar AWR142 6/8 & 6/9
 - HEPACO/CSX hands on training 6/22 -6/23
 - Mike Callan will present on pipeline emergencies at the conference. His charge is \$2500-\$3000 which includes manuals. This will be available to all attendees.
 - Hazmat Challenge will be sponsored by HEPACO on railcars. There will be great prizes!
 - Frank Burns made a motion that we fund Mike Callan up to \$3000 for the class and have Abby Moore pursue other sources for additional funding along with HEPACO. Motion was seconded by Mike Chapman with unanimous agreement.

2. Website Update
 - Joey Davis and others have discussed another hosting agency may benefit the website. Horizons hosts the fire marshals website and others in NC. This one would be beneficial to allow others to assist with page edits. Glenn Clapp will get cost for alternative options in the future. Features of the new website could include: photos, training, PowerPoint presentations, incident reports etc.

New Business:

6. Gateway Conference Report
 - This was a very good meeting with the issues discussed in a previous Association meeting (ethanol, higher education in the fire service, etc.) were addressed.
 - A link is available on the NC Association of Fire Chiefs website
 - There was a motion from Frank Burns to conduct an email vote for a letter of support from the Association. The motion was seconded by Gary Cornett with unanimous agreement.

7. "Marketing" the NCAHMR
 - Ideas include: (1) Display to be used at conferences, (2) Newsletter to improve communication between meetings, (3) Brochures could be updated and emailed, and (4) Send articles to Fire Rescue Journal

8. Contact Information for all HM Teams
 - Identify in NC: federal teams, private sector teams. This year from 100 mail-outs we have 22 teams and 14 individual members.
 - Could get additional data from: (1) NC Fire Emergency Response Plan, (2) NC Forest Service, (3) International Fire Chiefs Association, (4) data from the Fusion Center, and (5) environmental teams may be able to link to industry response.

9. Update on Hazmat Fusion Center/RISTs
 - The Central team was deployed for a 150-pound Chlorine cylinder. North Carolina members from Charlotte and High Point.
10. Recognition of Past President and Vice President
 - A.C. Rich and Ben Major were not present, but certificates will be given to them.
11. DuPont Suit Concerns
 - Vapor protection suits have a problem with the zipper around the XL face shield. DuPont's solution to the problem is wax on the zipper, because they are not pursuing engineering changes at this time. The State is working toward a solution. All RRTs have the suits.
12. State Budget Cuts
 - Senate recommended a \$1.8M cut in recurring state appropriations for NC DEM. This cut will cripple EM operations. Gary Cornett made a motion to send an email ballot out for a letter of support stating there be no cut to EM's budget. The motion was seconded by Hieu Sifford.

Committee Reports:

2. Education and Outreach Committee items were addressed in the discussion on training and budget.

Training Reports:

- Let OSFM know ASAP need for a Tech class, because all have to be justified and are using federal grant money. Check the website for scheduled classes.
- Fayetteville will have a class in September
- Raleigh Chem. Class is full.

Team Reports:

1. Gastonia responded to a sulfur dioxide leak
2. There was an ammonia leak in Wake Forest

Vendors:

None

Glenn Clapp thanked the presenters in the Hazmat track of the conference and recognized Ted Wallace as a visitor to the meeting.

The next meeting of the NCAHMR will be held in Gastonia, November 12, 2009 at 1:00 PM.

Hieu Sifford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Cornett. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry G. Rigouard, MPH

North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders meeting August 20, 2009
Raleigh, NC at the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo
Raleigh Convention Center Room 307 1pm

Introduction of attendees

President welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting

President went over minutes from May 7, 2009 meeting

Motion to approve by Steve Williams, Chief Hines 2nd motion, motion carried

Treasurers report from Frank Burns, motion to accept treasurers report by Chief Nichols,
seconded by Steve Williams, motion carried

Old Business

Website talk - update with abilities to network

Horizon Sites (Wilmington, NC) \$475 for layout/set up

\$19.95 month yearly hosting fee = \$270

\$5.00 month message board integration

minus \$60 non profit discount for NCAHMR

Questions asked - Is discount annually?

Is there additional charge for bandwidth?

Is it a year to year contract or longer?

Chief McCormick made motion to fund 1st year set and annual charge as long as questions are
answered positively.

Motion seconded by Chief Peele, motion carried.

Committee set up for transition from old website to new website, headed by AC Rich

If you have any ideas, email to AC Rich.

NCAHMR marketing - Brochure - update the brochure, new brochure layout was shown by
President, will email to different agencies

Chief Peele talked about business card magnets to direct people to website

Newsletter - send in pictures, information on classes, etc

Discussion on who would do the newsletter - to be discussed and will talk to Sherry about it.

New Business

Hazardous Materials hot topics

6months or 1 year out - new protective housing for general service rail cars, enhanced chlorine
rail cars

Ethanol UN/NA ID#s E10 - 1203

E85 - 3475

E95 - 1987,3475

E100 - 1170

Committee reports - HM Challenge 10am at Lenior and Wilmington St

Special thanks to Raleigh FD for setting up the course and Smith Detections for providing lunch
for all participants.

Plaques for the teams will be engraved and set out after the competition.

Also special thanks to Hepaco and CSX for their sponsorship of the props and scholarships.

Pipeline Emergencies class Mike Callan 9am to 4pm at the conference, special thanks to Abby
for her hard work in setting up this class

Jim Barrett (Smith Detection) advised all members that Chris Lens has been promoted to
National Sales Manager and Kevin Good is the new salesman for NC region.

Chief Hines talked to association about grant approved Advanced training class by Smith Detection that is available.

President will send out information on a 1 day repair class hosted by 3M.

HazMat Tech class - Fayetteville Sept 14 - 25th, 2009

Sept 21 - Oct 2 Chemistry class in Charlotte

Team reports - Conagra - anhydrous ammonia leak with building collapse Garner , NC
A Department of Energy commodity flow study was done in Asheville with help from Abby Moore.
Chief Cornett advised members that Walmart does not have to placard their trucks

Fusion Center RIST team presentation done by Warren Ritter, Michael Saye
Lessons learned, sharing information, passed out training packages for chlorine, biodiesel, ethanol, chemtrec

Recognition of guests - Randolph Harrison NCEM, Biotech Mills Inc Lucille Lansing sales director

Next meeting November 12, 2009 Gastonia NC

Motion to adjourn meeting Capt Amerson, seconded by Chief Williams

Adjourned meeting at 3pm

Hieu N. Sifford, Battalion Commander

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Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Meeting of the
North Carolina Association of Hazardous Materials Responders
Gastonia, North Carolina

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by President Glenn Clapp. Twenty-six members and visitors were present.

President Clapp welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and thanked Gastonia for hosting the meeting.

Secretary Sherry Rigouard presented the minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting. Jim Barrett made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Abby Moore.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jamie White in Treasurer Frank Burns' absence. As of November 11, 2009 the balance is \$5,925.36. Jim Barrett made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Hieu Sifford.

Old business:

1. Website Update:
AC Rich, Joey Davis and Mark Brown are working with Mike Womble on the website. Items discussed: email list sign-up, pictures, membership information, videos, member only message board or forum (\$60), counter for number of website hits. The website should be ready within a couple of days.
2. NCAHMR Marketing
Brochure: Glenn will email the brochure to everyone
Newsletter: To be emailed quarterly. There could be a link to newsletter on the website in members only section. It should be emailed soon.
Publications: Quarterly column in "Carolina Fire Rescue Journal." Please let Glenn know if you are interested in contributing to the column.
3. Update on 3M Meter Class Offering
The contents of the course were discussed. There is end user training available at several departments. A repair tech course is available. It is free of charge through 3M, but maybe the Association could sponsor 6 students at a time for the intense hand on 1 day training. Students learn to disassemble and reassemble the unit.

New Business:

13. Meeting Locations for 2010
2/11/2010 – Mooresville

5/6/10 – Asheville at the NCSFRI Conference

August date TBD – South Atlantic Fire Conference in Raleigh

11/4/2010 – Greensboro

Note: This meeting to be held the first Thursday.

14. Gateway X Update

Emphasis being placed on hydrogen cyanide.

15. Hazmat Fusion Center Update

There are 5 cities testing a national hazmat reporting system now that will be rolled out next year.

All of the RIST incident survey reports reviewed in Denver were approved and sent on to TEEEX to create the final report. Check the website at www.hazmatfc.com.

Southern RIST has performed their first survey.

16. 2010 NCSFRI Conference Update

Session offerings have been scaled back for the general sessions due to attendance. There will be fewer, but longer sessions. Could have some of the general sessions have a hazmat focus.

Committee Reports:

3. Education and Outreach Committee

Abby Moore stated next year the Hazmat challenge will have more monetary input from HEPACO and CSX. Perhaps we could also have T-shirts for participating teams with sponsor names/logos on them. Also she will be looking at smaller classes, instead of having Mike Callan teach again. Please provide feedback to Abby for next year's meeting since she is in the planning stages with the Firemen's Association.

TRAINING REPORTS:

- Asheville: large exercise during NCSFRI Conference built on commodity flow study involving NS and CSX.
- Hazmat Tech Courses: Charlotte on 11/30 is full, Jacksonville on 1/4 has openings, Morrisville 1/25 is full, working on dates for Greensboro and Raleigh. OSFM is trying to offer 5, 2 week classes per year.

Team Reports:

- Fayetteville discussed 5 pounds of mercury in a residence. Worked with EPA.

Harry Hopes of CSX discussed his availability. He can provide training classes from 1.5 hours to 8 hours. There are free self study books and DVDs on emergency response available. You can take a test and earn a certificate. Classes available: week of April 12 crisis management in Asheville – day one: train collides with fuel tanker; day two: 2 hours on each car – chlorine, acids, flammable liquids, etc. Contact Abby if you are interested. There will a drill in Asheville 5/8.

The next meeting of the NCAHMR will be held in Mooresville, February 11, 2010.

Hieu Sifford made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Abby Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
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