

LEPC#12 Meeting of October 16, 2008
VSP Barracks Royalton

Attendees: Cindy Spaulding, Gary Champy, Bill Bohnyak, Jerry Fredrickson, Mark Belisle, Karen Mae Smith (VEM), Kevin Cole, Richard Lancaster, Jennifer Pivovar, Dot Burden, William Burden, Jim Tonkovich, Linda Kuban, Cornelia Cesari, William Harkness, Kevin Geiger, Julie Benedict and guest Donny Dumont (NWS)

Jerry Frederickson called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

Jim Tonkovich moved to approve the minutes as amended. Julie Benedict seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Richard Lancaster provided a Treasurer's report. Cindy Spaulding moved to accept the Treasurers report as written. Mark Belisle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Donny Dumont, meteorologist from the National Weather Service from Burlington gave a presentation from the National Weather Service on SkyWarn and Winter Weather and Safety Training.

The presentation provided an overview of the SkyWarn observers program, warnings, radar and its limitations in eastern Vermont, winter weather climatology, winter storm types, NWS winter weather hazard products, measuring snow and guidelines, hydrology and ice jams, and winter weather safety.

For storm reports call 24/7 1-00-863-4279 or log on to www.weather.gov. Due to the blocking of radar by the Green Mountains and the low level of snow clouds, there is a lack of data from our region often showing on maps, so they appreciate field reports of snow. For weather enthusiasts and teachers there is a program for coming in April 2009 called CoCoRaHS. For further information log on to <http://www.cocorahs.org>

Kevin Geiger provided a report on the HMEP 08 and HMEP 09 grant. The report provided results of the truck traffic survey for hazmat, including: petroleum, gases, and corrosives leading the placarded loads; and that there are many hazardous but non-placarded odd and ends on the roads. The HMEP 09 grant is coming up and the funding would provide better reporting for tier two sites or work on the LEPC Plan. The meeting's view was that working on the LEPC plan was the best idea.

Kevin Geiger also reported on upcoming training in CERT, Exercises, the State Emergency Management Conference, POD locations, and Emergency Management Directors Training.

Bill Burden provided a report on the status of VCOMM with a reminder that all VHS (highband) licenses will be modified to a narrow band in the near future.

Julie Benedict announced that there is a website for volunteers in the medical field which includes doctors, nurses, LNAs and support staff. The website to sign up is www.VERV.vermont.gov

Bill Bohnyak announced that the Orange County Sheriff's Department has an active website: www.orangecountysheriff.com.

Jim Tonovich reported that 211 is doing quite well. The calls received are 85% basic needs for food, fuel assistance, and trouble shooting for assistance to the senior population.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Royalton State Police Barracks.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Spaulding
Secretary