

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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MINUTES

LEPC #12 Meeting, June 18, 2009
Upper Valley Ambulance, Fairlee, VT

Attendees: Neil Fulton, Doug Merrill, Cindy Spaulding, Ken Goss, Jackson Schonberg, Tracy Simon, Bill Burden, Dot Burden, Steve Leinoff, Mark Belisle, Terry Lewis, Jessica Allen, Richard Lancaster, Kevin Cole, Bill Emig, Mary Emig, Gary Moore, Jerry Fredrickson, Jim Tonkovich, Thom Goodwin, Sam Colbeck, Bruce Bouchard, Rita Seto.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Bill Burden at 1807 hrs and introductions were made. Hartford and Norwich were officially welcomed in joining the group.

2. Minutes

The minutes of 16 April 2009 were reviewed and approved. Only amendment was for correction on Gary Moore's last name spelling in the last bullet where he seconded the motion. Cindy Spaulding moved for amendment and approval, Mark Belisle seconded the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report

Richard Lancaster – Current amount of \$5 until we receive more funds from the State. There has been no change in the last 4 months. LEPC recently changed banks to Lake Sunapee Bank.

4. Progress Report – It was discussed that there should be a standardized way to solicit to each town.

5. VCOMM committee report – Bill Burden discussed establishing radio links to get operable coverage by working with VELCO to establish sites. A problem arose with the new radio regulations in New England from the A line to Canadian border regarding operation above the line - it can interfere with Canadian First Responders. There are coordination problems as A line covers 2/3rds of VT. Neil Fulton updated that a resolution with Industry Canada is underway, they will present around the State to go over status in detail. Upcoming meeting on Sept. 9 at the VA hospital.

Jack Schonberg announced that VT is moving on Disaster Animal Response Team by passing a formal bylaw to get 501C3 tax status that would give both States a support system.

6. Prouty Public Safety and Ambulance Service

Bruce Bouchard, Ops. Manager presented the 2009 Prouty bicycling routes and noted differences from last year. There is EMT, UVAmbulance and Woodsville coverage for the approx. 3000 bicyclists participating. Bill added that for communications, there will be a combination of cell phones (along the river) over HAM radio. Prouty has a batch of cell phones available for EMT

staff. Bill pointed out the known areas of zero cell coverage (ie. Fairlee Ledges) and will use HAM radio instead. Volunteers will have SRF radios.

7. Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

Rita Seto announced that the 4hr TEPW is for anyone who is interested to review the region's capacity. The workshop will map out a 3 year training and exercise plan to reach goal which will then be updated annually. This will be led by Andrea Hatch. TEPW is scheduled for Thursday August 6th at Hotel Coolidge, 4-9pm (dinner included). Please RSVP with Kevin Geiger by Friday July 31st.

8. FY 2010 LEPC application - \$4000. There was discussion on having discretionary funds set aside. Richard Lancaster moved for Kevin Geiger of TRORC to make appropriate measure to apply for FY'10 LEPC funds and for Bill Burden to be signatory. Tracy Simon seconded the motion and all approved.

9. Other Business:

- Neil Fulton reported on the UV Medical Reserve Corp. which includes LEPC 3 & 12 VT towns. Registration is through VERV system. The issue of credentials still remains. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) passed in all 50 states however the problem is that it only covers state and municipal employees, not volunteers.
- Statewide Fire Mutual Aid is being established.
- Andrea Hatch is preparing a 3 day Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) course for planning emergency exercises from start to finish. Sometime in July or August.
- Rick Kenney, Chief Water Systems Operator of Hartford was originally scheduled to discuss VT Water/wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) at this meeting but has postponed to speak at August meeting.

10. Next meeting – Will be held on August 20, 2009, Location TBD.

11. Meeting was adjourned 1904 hrs.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Spaulding, Secretary