

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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December 21, 2017 - DRAFT VSP Barracks Royalton, Vermont

Attendees: John Durkee, Mark Warner, Lance Colby, Doug Merrill, Gary Moore, Lt. Roger Farmer, Gidget Lyman, Bill Burden, Dot Burdern, Steve Leinoff, Brad Salzman, Mary Hamisevicz, Stacy Gariadealba, Mike Manning, David Aldrighetti, Peter Gregory, Tory Littlefield, Mark Belisle, Gary Zawilinski, Tim Caulfield, Albert Poirier, and Jack Schonberg.

1. Call to order at 6:00 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes for 10/19/2017
Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Gidget Lyman. The Committee approved the minutes of October 19, 2017 unanimously.
3. Action on TRORC \$2,000 invoice.
Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Doug Merrill. The Committee approved the TRORC invoice for \$2,000 unanimously.
4. Action on SERC Application for \$2,000.
Motion made by Mark Belisle and seconded by Doug Merrill. The Committee approved to allow TRORC to apply for more SERC funds to do table top exercises around the region.
5. Treasurers Report
John Durkee stated that there is \$4,005. With the TRORC invoice there will be \$2,005 in the account.
6. Select Locations for 2018 LEPC Meetings
Tory Littlefield listed that many locations were offered for future LEPC meetings around the region since the last meeting. It was suggested that Tory choose the locations for the year and email the list out to everyone once that is completed.
7. Green Mountain Power Storm Response & Recovery
Mike Burke from Green Mountain Power presided over the presentation. Most recently GMP dealt with the October 30 wind storm that affected all of Vermont with widespread power outages and some flooding. This was a record storm with the most customers in Vermont losing power, which totaled 125,163 meters.

Green Mountain Power currently covers 75% of Vermont. For every predicted/forecasted storm they activate their ICS structure internally, this includes meetings days before the storm and assembling crews to be on standby. He went one to explain their ICS structure. (see attached presentation).

For the October 30 storm, GMP put a person in the state SEOC for the first time and it was incredibly helpful for state personnel as well as for GMP. With so many customers out across New England, GMP had to call in mutual aid from surrounding states and from several provinces in Canada. One weather phenomena was a gravity wave in Rutland that snapped several polls. Overall, Colchester had the most power outages throughout the state.

GMP has a critical customer list that allows them to try and restore power to those on life support and with oxygen to get power back first, or to evacuate is possible. This list is not shared with Towns as it can be a HIPPA violation.

8. LEPC CERT

Brad stated the registration website is down and has been down for a while. No change since the last meeting.

9. Other Business

EMD Training: There will be a full day course offered at the Royalton Academy building on February 10th. Participants must register through the online state Learning Management System (LMS) or email Brittany Marquette, the state training officer. Tory will send out information on that, but you can register here: <https://vermont.csod.com/client/vermont/default.aspx>.

Tory Littlefield from TRORC offered to plan and hold a table top exercise in towns that are interested to work through a disaster and see how well they do. There was a question on needing evaluators for those, Tory will look into it.

LEOP Workgroup: Tory stated that the old LEOP format is being thrown out and a new format is currently being developed. She is on the working group and wanted to notify those in the room about the change as well as to look out for the public comment period at the end of January. The new LEOP will not be required for 2018, but it will for 2019. Staff from VEM will be available to hold trainings on how to incorporate the new LEOP into towns by holding three separate meetings, one to bring stakeholders to the table, the second the write the plan, and the third to run the tabletop exercise to see if the plan works. There was a question on how state resources, such as UVDART, will be incorporated into the plan.

VDART Training: there will be a VDART training in Barre on January 27th, more information on the training can be found here: http://vermontdart.org/event/emergency-animal-sheltering-workshop/?instance_id=49.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Tim Caulfield to adjourn the LEPC 12 meeting at 7:38 p.m. until it meets again on February 15, 2018 at the VA Hospital in White River Junction. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tory Littlefield for Mark Warner, LEPC Chair