

# LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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**April 20, 2017 – DRAFT  
Veterans Affairs Hospital  
White River Junction, VT**

Attendees: Tory Levite, Mark Belisle, Doug Merrill, Bill Burden, Lance Colby, Tim Caulfield, Gidget Lyman, Anthony Ercole, Gary Moore, Captain Mike Manley, Lt. Roger Farmer, Bob Weinert, Joe Truss, Steve Leinoff, Howard Hughes, Mark Warner, Lynn Thomas, Mike Kiess, Jack Schoenburg, Kristen Binau, Brad Salzman, Gerald Fredrickson, Leo Pullar, Wendy Walsh, and Bruce Martin.

1. Call to order at 6:00 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2016  
Motion made by Lynn Thomas, seconded by Tony Ercole. The Committee approved the minutes of December 15, 2016 unanimously.
3. Minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting do not need approval as there was no quorum at the meeting.
4. Approval of \$2,000 invoice to TRORC.  
The check was signed back in January, but a formal approval is still needed. Motion made by Gary Moore, seconded by Mark Belisle. The Committee approved the \$2,000 invoice to TRORC unanimously.
5. Treasurers Report  
Tory Levite presided for John Durkee, there is \$2,005 in the account.
6. Red Cross Sheltering Presentation  
Kristen Binau from the American Red Cross gave the presentation, she is the coordinator for Vermont and New Hampshire. The Red Cross seals mainly in three categories, preparedness, response, and recovery. Several of their preparedness exercises occur in schools that mostly deal with home fires, but also touch on flooding and other disasters. Their response is typically based on home fires across the two states, where 250 home fires are assisted by the Red Cross in both states.

The Red Cross does hold a database of all shelters in Vermont and New Hampshire. During large scale events, shelters will not be opened in every town, but the 8 regional shelters across Vermont will be opened and prepared. Hartford is the regional shelter in the LEPC 12 region. As it stands, Towns have to upfront costs and liability if they open a shelter, but the Red Cross can come and take over if they are requested. LDSI towns are usually the ones that the Red Cross focuses on first to assist with. For the recovery aspect, the Red Cross follows up with victims for weeks to make sure they are getting the resources and help they need to recover from a disaster, usually a home fire.

## 7. CERT Status Update

Brad Salzmann presided. The CERT training went well, 10 participants completed the course that was held at the Woodstock Safety Complex. Most as expected to join the team. Brad will be looking into starting up the CERT team officially. A flagging course will be needed for all members in order to work events.

Jerry Fredrickson suggested the CERT team would be useful at Woodstock's Wassail Parade on 12/8/2017. The event is large and gets bigger every year and they could certainly use the help to direct traffic and pedestrians.

Brad is still looking for a permanent home for the trailer, which is still housed at the Royalton Police Station. It was plowed in during the winter, which was a concern in case the trailer was needed.

## 8. LEOPs

Tory Levite reminded members that LEOP's are due on May 1<sup>st</sup> and to get them approved and sent to her as soon as possible. Half of the LEPC12 towns have submitted already.

## 9. Other Business/Upcoming Training

Tory Levite mentioned that Day Cares are now required to have emergency plans and that they were originally told to come to LEPCs for assistance. This is no longer the case and the state has since uploaded a template for them to use. If anyone hears of a day care needing assistance to send them to TRORC for help.

Tory sent out a short survey to LEPC members to better serve them and to make meetings better. The main points were that meetings should be moved around the region more, and an EMD training was needed. Kevin Geiger from TRORC is on a committee at DEMHS to develop an EMD training by the end of the year. Some participants of the survey suggested moving the day of the week the meetings are held on, but the general consensus was that the current day of the week works best for most.

Several members wanted an active shooter training again in the region. Captain Mike Manley said he could set one up sometime this summer.

At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Gary Moore and seconded by Bill Burden to adjourn the meeting. The Committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of June 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Thetford Fire Station.

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