

# LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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**August 17, 2017  
Stockbridge Meeting House  
Stockbridge, VT**

Attendees: Tory Littlefield, Russell Ashe, Gidget Lyman, Mark Warner, Brad Salzman, Mark Belisle, Nick Tarr, Bruce Martin, Cindy Spaulding, Todd Sears, Jerry Fredrickson, Heather Rigney, Roger Farmer, and Tim Caulfield.

1. Call to order at 6:00 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes for 6/15/2017  
Motion made by Mark Belisle and seconded by Gidget Lyman. The Committee approved the minutes of June 15, 2017 unanimously.
3. Action on funding application and TRORC contract.  
Motion made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Jerry Fredrickson to approve the application for funding for LEPC 12. All approved.  
  
Motion made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Gidget Lyman to approve the TRORC contract with LEPC 12 for assistance. All approved.
4. Treasurers Report  
Mark Belisle presided for John Durkee. \$5 in the account. LEPC 12 is still awaiting payment from the SERC for the \$4,000 yearly allotment.
5. July 1 Flood Review and After Action  
Tory Littlefield went over a brief recap of the July 1 floods which caused extensive damage in several LEPC 12 towns. As of 8/16/2017 the federal declaration had been received. Tory reminded everyone that the mandatory applicant briefings are coming up in the next week and a town should attend at least one of them. Tory stated that the recently updated LEOP's was a huge help in contacting people in towns to get damage reports, but it certainly was a challenge as it was a holiday weekend.  
  
Gidget Lyman explained the hard time she had in Royalton as everyone was out on vacation. She stresses that cell phone numbers are very important to put in the LEOP as she did not have contact info for several people that were in Royalton that day. She also stressed that Towns should come up with better communication plans, such as purchasing radios. VSP also mentioned that they were having a hard time contacting road foreman's. A list of cell phones would be very helpful to them.
6. LEPC 12 CERT  
Brad Salzman told the LEPC that he was offered a permanent place for the trailer in Quechee at the new adult day care center off of RT 4, in which Jerry Fredrickson is the President. There

would be better security and would be placed in a large garage out of the weather, electricity is also available if needed. The driveway is steep but is maintained during the winter. Overall, the trailer is still in good shape, communication devices are still needed but it is unsure where the funding would come for that. Brad has started the CERT application with the state and has several questions that need to be answered. LEPC12 answered his questions. More will be addressed offline.

One of the questions was to come with an official name for the CERT team. A motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Cindy Spaulding to name it the LEPC #12 CERT. 1 abstained, approved.

A motion was made by Gidget Lyman and seconded by Mark Belisle to move the CERT trailers to 8826 Woodstock Road, Quechee, VT. 1 abstain, approved.

#### 7. Closed POD's

Heather Rigney from the VT Dept of Health presided. This is used in times of disease breakout, usually it will be a public Point of Distribution (POD) where citizens would line up to get the medication. Closed POD's will be used to prevent health care providers and vulnerable populations (like the elderly) from standing in line for long periods of time. Instead of people going to the public POD, the closed POD would go to a certain facility, such as a senior center, and distribute the medicine there so those citizens do not have to travel. It is important for health care providers so they are not occupied standing in line at the public POD and instead can spend more of their time helping the sick.

The closed POD's cut down loss of life significantly by going straight to vulnerable populations and health care providers. To sign up to become a closed POD facility, you need to sign an MOU with the VT Dept of Health and register your facility as a POD. One of the items in the registration is to estimate the number of people that would need the medicine and to round that up to the nearest 100 in case more is needed in the end. Heather passed around a list so those interested could sign up their facilities.

#### 8. HMEP Update

Tory gave an update on the state wide hazmat flow study TRORC is contracted to do with VEM. All field work is now complete and Tory is processing the data. TRORC was able to obtain border crossing data at the 91 and 89 crossings. There are about 20,000 data points in each of those that cover all of 2016. As expected, most of the hazardous materials going into Vermont is gas and propane. There are some nasty chemicals as well, but nowhere near the volume of gas and propane. The study will be complete by September 30 and will be distributed to all LEPC's in Vermont.

#### 9. Other Business

There is a Rail Incident Training coming up in October. Details on LEPC website.

EM conference will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Morey Resort. Todd Sears and Mark Warner are presenting the new EMD training, it is highly recommended everyone attend that.

The Red Cross is doing a huge push of free smoke detector distributions in Vermont because of recent fire fatalities. There is one in Williamstown on September 30<sup>th</sup> and another will be put on later in Rutland. They will try to do this state wide.

Todd Sears stated the new deputy director of VEM has now been chosen. He is also offering a two hour EMD training to anyone interested. Tory Littlefield will be emailing EMD's in the

region to gain interest and set up a class.

VSP is getting new respirators to deal with the surge in fentanyl. It is a highly toxic drug that can kill you just by touching your skin or breathing it in. Carbon monoxide detectors are being bought to place in cruisers because of the issues with Ford's trucks leaking carbon into police vehicles across the country. They are stressing seatbelt use and enforcing it more because of the 8 recent fatalities in Vermont.

September is National Preparedness Month.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Brad Salzman to adjourn the LEPC 12 meeting at 7:40 p.m. until it meets again on October 19 in Bethel. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tory Littlefield for Cindy Spaulding, LEPC Secretary