

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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February 18, 2016 at 1800 hours – DRAFT VSP Barracks, Royalton, VT

Attendees: Tory Levite, Kevin Geiger, Scott Kirkpatrick, Lance Colby, Joe Truss, Jim Tonkovich, Lynn Thomas, Steve Leinoff, Philip Call, Cindy Spaulding, Bob Weinert, Jerry Fredrickson, Laura McNaughton, Jack Schonberg, Bruce Martin, Mark Warner, Brad Salzmman, David Farnham, David Aldrighetti, Gidget Lyman, Lt. William Jenkins, and John Durkee.

1. Call to order at 6:00 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes of December 17
Motion to approve made by Mark Warner, seconded by Cindy Spaulding, the Committee approved the minutes of December 17, 2015 unanimously.
3. Treasurers Report
John Durkee reported that there is \$4,005 in the account.
4. TRORC Invoice for \$2,000.
Motion to approve the invoice made by Jack Schonberg, seconded by Gidget Lyman, the Committee approved the invoice to TRORC unanimously.
5. U.S Department of Homeland Security, Office of Infrastructure Protection

Fran Patno from DHS gave a presentation on the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program (CFATs) and Executive Order 13650. This program and executive order were in response to the fertilizer plant explosion in West Texas that killed several people. The purpose is for large processing plants and businesses to report to the federal government if they have high-risk chemicals. Each chemical has a certain threshold if they are over the threshold then they have to report and enroll in the CFATs program. With the help of DHS, each facility is led through a process to enroll them in the program and are held to risk-based performance standards to fit each facilities circumstances.

Inspections of facilities in the CFATs program are on a three year cycle. An most important aspect of this program is to get facilities to put their employees through extensive background checks if they have access to these high-risk chemicals. Many people are unaware of this program, Fran Patno is available to give a presentation on the program to your group or facility. Contact him at Francis.Patno@HQ.DHS.GOV.

6. CERT Status Update

Brad Salzmman reports that nothing has changed with the team or the trailer since the last update. Brad was unable to get into the March CERT training in Maryland, but was able to get into the May training. He will be taking two courses while he is there.

A meeting was held to gain support for CERT, but only three people showed up.

The trailer is still in South Pomfret, Brad is trying to find a permanent place for the trailer indoors so the equipment does not get destroyed in the cold weather.

Brad asked the LEPC how to get the message about creating a new CERT team out through social media. Several members gave suggestions on which he will follow up with them later.

7. HMEP Update

Kevin Geiger and Tory Levite from TRORC gave an update on the HMEP for this year. All the fixed facility maps will be updated with the most recent Tier II data from 2015. TRORC is currently accepting Tier II forms, which are due March 1. The state is moving to a digital form for Tier II data through the CAMEO software.

There will be outreach to EHS facilities to submit Tier II forms to the LEPC so facility maps can be made. The facility maps will show where the facility is, and depending on the chemical stored there, it will have a buffer that shows an initial isolation distance. The hope is that they will be used to evacuate people to a safe distance from the facility.

8. Bylaw Updates

The bylaw update suggested changes so that invoices and payments over \$2,000 need to be approved by the committee, but anything under that amount will not have to. The current bylaw reads that anything over \$1,000 needs approval by the committee. This is to make payments to TRORC easier. Some had concerns that \$2,000 was a large amount of money, and that it was not much of a hassle to approve TRORC's invoice since it is only once a year. Others had concerns about the language of the bylaw, specifically "in accord with."

A motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson to table the bylaw discussion to a later date, seconded by Jack Schonberg. Unanimously approved.

9. Other Business/Upcoming Training

The ICS 200 training in South Pomfret on February 21 and 22 was cancelled. No one registered for the training.

There are several HAZMAT refresher courses being held in the region. One is on March 7th in Woodstock.

Bob Weinert from VEM discussed that there are new booklets for family emergency preparation out there. He also stated that transfer stations are being looked at by the state to hold hazardous materials.

A reminder was made that 2016 LEOPs are due on May 1st. Tory Levite from TRORC will be sending out letters to each town after town meeting to assist towns with their updates.

10. Adjournment

At 7:45 p.m. a motion was made by Jerry Fredrickson and seconded by Mark Warner to adjourn the meeting. The Committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of April 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the new White River Junction state building on Prospect Street.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tory Levite for Cindy Spaulding, LEPC 12 Secretary