

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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June 23, 2016 – DRAFT Royalton Police Barracks Royalton, VT

Attendees: Tory Levite, Mark Warner, Lance Colby, Gary Moore, Cindy Spaulding, Bob Weinert, Scott Cooney, Brad Salzmann, Wendy Walsh, Jerry Fredrickson, Gidget Lyman, Lynn Thomas, Kevin Geiger, Jared Ulmer, Jeff LeBlanc, David Muse, Jack Schonberg, and Mark Belisle.

1. Call to order at 6:01 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Election of LEPC12 Officers - Current slate:
 - a. Chair – Mark Warner
 - b. Vice Chair – Mark Belisle
 - c. Treasurer – John Durkee
 - d. Secretary – Cindy Spaulding

Gary Moore made a motion to keep the current slate, seconded by Lance Colby. The Committee approved the current slate of officers for the FY17 fiscal year unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 21
Motion to approve made by Cindy Spaulding, seconded by Gidget Lyman, the Committee approved the minutes of April 21, 2016 unanimously.
4. Action on TRORC Invoice and application for next year's funding

Application: Motion made by Jack Schonberg, seconded by Jerry Fredrickson to approve the LEPC12 to continue contraction with TRORC and apply to DEMHS for the annual \$4,000 grant. The Committee approved unanimously.

TRORC Invoice: Motion made by Gary Moore, seconded by Cindy Spaulding to approve the \$2,000 invoice to TRORC unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report
Mark Belisle that there is now \$5 in the account.
6. Dangers of Heat

Jared Ulmer from the Vermont Department of Health came to give a talk about the dangers of heat on health and emergency services. Due to climate change, Vermont is getting hotter. It has been found that once temperatures reach 87, there is an increase in emergency room visits. Vermont also expects approximately 5 deaths per year due to heat related factors. High risk populations include those over 75 and those aged between 15-34 years old. Heat has other factors on our livelihood, such as an increase in water borne illnesses, cyanobacteria, and vector borne

diseases. Currently, the state does not provide guidelines in regard to heat safety, but they are trying to raise awareness of the dangers of heat. It was stated by Kevin Geiger that there are parameters with athletics in place to protect students. Jerry Fredrickson suggested doing outreach to older populations through senior centers, senior housing, meals on wheels, and other senior housing to protect them from heat stress.

7. CERT Status Update

Brad Salzmann gave a short presentation on what he learned at the EMI training he did in Maryland last month. He first provided a background of the LEPC12 CERT since it was reinstated last year. His major takeaways from the EMI training were; define a purpose, core components, mission, goals, and strategies, establish processes for working with volunteers and instructors, establish methods to sustain a CERT, and develop a process for evaluating CERT.

He believes that in order to gain more support and members for the CERT, there needs to be an official team name, bylaws, policies and procedures, a budget, meetings, and events.

8. HMEP Update

Kevin Geiger and Tory Levite from TRORC gave an update on their HMEP project they just completed. They took Tier II data and made it usable for fire departments in all of the 30 member towns. A flash drive was provided to all fire chiefs with Tier II data on several different map formats, railroad and highway buffer maps, and the updated LEPC12 plan. Scott Cooney was present and provided feedback on this project, where Hartford found it was very useful information. No other fire chiefs have provided feedback, where Tory will follow up with them.

9. LEPC12 Bylaws

A draft will be sent around to the officers for edits. They were told to track changes so members can see the difference between the current bylaws and the proposed changes. Discussion was tabled for further discussion.

10. Other Business/ Upcoming Training

Mark Warner is trying to organize a DLAN training in the region for those interested. He currently has 4 four interested for this four hour course.

Kevin Geiger informed members of the upcoming vigilant guard training in which he and Tory will be participating. It is a state wide emergency training that coordinates with the state, RPCs, Town's, and the National Guard.

There is a disaster boot camp on September 21-23 at the Hartford Fire Department.

Lebanon, NH police department is holding an active shooter training.

Bob Weinert from DEMHS brought the 2016 Emergency Response Guidebook's to hand out. He has more copies in his office.

11. Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Cindy Spaulding and seconded by Gidget Lyman to adjourn

the meeting. The Committee adjourned until its next scheduled meeting of August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the VSP Barracks in Royalton.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tory Levite for Cindy Spaulding, LEPC12 Secretary