
LEPC 6
Minutes
June 16, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 19:02.
2. Introductions. Ken March, Dale West, David Moore, Barb Williams, Jim Tonkovich, David Dezendorf, Herbert Meyer, Peter Coffey, Eric Stevens, Bruce Pollock, Beth Baldwinpage, Robert Holden, Pamela Corbett, Lisa Hecht, Josh O'Neill
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
MOVED and seconded to approve the May 19, 2009 minutes as written. VOTE: approved.
4. Roundtable Discussion: Six Month Review of Ice Storm Disaster Response Review of 21 Issues Identified in After Action Review. (See Excel Spreadsheet to match Issues with Numbers)
 1. ICS Trainings will continue as needed. There was some discussion about the Incident Management Team concept and that the Division of Fire Safety was planning on IMT's. Lisa discussed that this was the concept that started the Training Committee. Unclear where IMT's are going...stay tuned.
 2. Continuing
 3. CVPS and Green Mountain Power like their current communications method. Structure of communications to the State EOC and then to locals will continue.
 4. JIC Role, RPC, s and State PIO...ongoing
 5. Townwide test of E-911 system in Vernon. Peter mentioned that Neighborhood Networks could go through Neighborhood Watch program.
 6. Same as #5
 7. Red Cross conducted a Disaster Boot Camp and some Shelter Operations Trainings. Several folks from Grafton and Athens were trained in Shelter Operations. More Red Cross volunteer staff has been trained. The Red Cross purchased a shelter support trailer; 50 cots. Bruce Pollock mentioned that there are now Three Shelter Trailers in Southern Vermont and they are fully stocked!
 8. Generator Protocols have been developed. Peter Coffey will send Josh a copy to distribute to LEPC members.
 9. Tim Johnson of WTSA Radio distributed laminated contact information for WTSA staff so that responders would have no trouble contacting WTSA to put out an emergency message.
 10. LEPC ongoing; Recommended to have a coordinated LEPC meeting with Road Foreman to discuss response/recovery roles and teamwork between responders and road crews. Josh will be looking to schedule a Fall LEPC meeting around this type of roundtable discussion.
 11. Incident I.D.'s ongoing. Peter had talked about this. There is planning going on at the state level on credentialing systems, but any plan will be difficult to implement

12. #12-15 similar, covered in earlier Issues identified
- 16 -17. Mostly in house, work on these is ongoing
18. covered, utilities communication not changing
19. Josh obtained a copy of the MOU between Vtrans and Dept. Of Public Safety re: Road Closures at the “Disaster Recovery for Road Crew Workshop”. He will copy it and make a PDF to distribute to members.
20. Education is ongoing, there have been many meetings and trainings since the Ice Storm
21. Within the purview of the Utilities. Not much we can do about this.

In general, folks thought that a good amount of progress has been made since the Ice Storm. It seems that there is a lot of interest in the concept of Incident Management Teams and an emphasis on preparing for staffing for multiple operational periods.

School Crisis Planning Update

- a. Lisa mentioned that on June 30th, there is a “Crisis Management for School Based Incidents” training occurring in Montpelier. The course is free and funded through HSU funds.
- b. Lisa is finishing her Windham County visits as part of her School Crisis Planning work.
- c. There was some general discussion on the difficulty in forming town specific public safety committees to work on school crisis plans (and the possibility of working on emergency plans concurrently)
- d. HSU:
 - a. No Update
- e. VEM:
 - a. The School Crisis Planning Team at the State EOC meets monthly. There was some discussion brought up about student mental health/ anxiety issues, especially in regard to H1N1 awareness amongst students.
 - b. C-POD Drill occurred May 30th at Four locations across the State. This was an important exercise for the use of volunteers. CERT members were heavily involved. All the extra food brought in on the FEMA trailers was donated to the Vermont Food Bank..
 - c. VEM recently conducted a “Mid-Action” review of the H1N1 situation. Vermont is now considering all flu cases to be the H1N1 strand since flu season is now over. Most people who get it have symptoms normally associated with the flu.
 - d. There will be a Vermont Yankee Transportation Drill in the Fall.
- f. CERT:
 - a. No Update
- g. VSP:
 - a. No Update

- h. VDH:
- a. Pam Corbett is working on Town databases for special needs populations. Pam is sending a letter to Town EMD;s and Health Officers for towns where there is a need for more working on populating these databases.
 - b. She mentioned there may be a need for H1N1 mass vaccinations this Fall. VDH is doing some planning for this. They are planning on Fall clinics, October/November ?
 - c. She mentioned that the FIT testing going on is just in time training. The State has one vendor, and this is a problem. The State is paying for quantitative testing not qualitative.
- i. Training Committee:
- a. Josh mentioned that there was a RACES Seminar occurring on June 25th from 6-8pm at Brattleboro Fire Station. This is the Second Seminar we have scheduled for our LEPC Training and Exercise Plan (The VCOMM Seminar was the first). So far we are doing well on the items we have on our 3 Year Training and Exercise Calendar.
 - b. Josh gave a presentation on LEPC 6 at the Windham County Firefighters Association meeting in Dummerston on June 11th. This will be the presentation he will be giving (along with some help from another Training Committee member) at a Rotary club meeting in August.
 - c. Working with the Training Committee to select a date in August for our Basic Emergency Operation Plan Workshop. At this workshop, towns can complete their EOP's. This will be very useful. More information to come, when a date is chosen.
- j. Old Business:
- a. None
- k. New Business:
- a. Eric Stevens mentioned that there are now 3 teams for large animal rescue. They are in Grafton, Tinmouth, and South Woodstock.
 - b. **There is NO LEPC 6 MEETING in JULY !!!**
- l. Next Meeting:
- i. August 18th , 2pm, location Guilford Fire Station
- m. Meeting Adjourned at 21:05

Respectfully Submitted by,

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