

LEPC 6  
Minutes  
February 19, 2008

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1. The meeting was called to order at 18:30
2. Introductions. Thomas Goddard, Dianne Champion, Jack Horton, David Moore, Jim Tonkavich, Andy Hall, Jim Matteau, John Angil, Peter Coffey, Mark Gilmore, Bruce Pollock, Heath Boyer, Lisa Hecht, George Lang, Eric Stevens, Arthur Smith, Dale West.  
Apologies: Mike Bucossi, Rick Hopkins, Pamela Corbett, Andrea Hatch.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.  
MOVED and seconded to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 as presented.  
VOTE: passed unanimously.
4. Red Cross: Bruce Pollock, new Director of Emergency Services introduced himself. Bruce began with the Green Mountain Chapter in January and will work with three LEPC's (LEPC #3, 6 and 7). Bruce will be based in the Brattleboro office at 81 High Street, 257-2377.
5. Goals discussion: Ref email from Rick Hopkins 3/16/08, excerpted here:

Some ideas that have been floated include:

- o Increasing membership to include a broader representation both geographically and in disciplines/groups represented.
- o Increasing participation by EMD's
- o Supporting school crisis planning
- o Conducting tabletops

Please consider these and also bring forward your own ideas.

- a. Mark G: What is baseline commitment from towns? Suggested that each should have at least 2-deep representation. Also should ensure participation of all required LEPC disciplines
- b. David M: Noted problem of missing important information when missing a meeting; Problem for people whose day jobs make attendance difficult or impossible during the day.
- c. Peter C: Noted that Chittenden County meets in the morning; all others met in the evening (11 of 13), a couple of those move their meetings around the region from month to month.
- d. Dale W: Noted additional problem of disinterest on the part of many selectboards (seconded by others).
- e. Eric S: In view of difficulty for volunteers to make daytime meetings, minutes should at least go out within a couple of days (acknowledged as a good idea at all times).
- f. Mark G: Suggested surveying the larger group about schedules & what works, and also regarding what else might improve their attendance and participation.
- g. Jim M: Proposed drafting a survey for consideration, also a letter from the LEPC to all towns about their responsibilities, role of LEPC, etc.
- h. Diane C: Also should get at issue of additional disciplines needed in LEPC work (mental health, e.g.).

- i. Mark G: Need a smaller group to flesh out some of these ideas; executive committee?
6. Meeting schedule:
- a. MOVED and seconded to stay with the existing schedule.
    - i. Discussion: That would not resolve the concerns of those who cannot make the daytime meetings. Also noted that a vote at either the evening or afternoon meeting would exclude many in one group. Reference back to the survey idea.
      - 1. VOTE: 3 yes, 7 no. Motion failed.
    - ii. MOVED and seconded to stay with the existing schedule for the time being, and to act on what the executive committee proposes.
      - 1. VOTE: passed unanimously.
      - 2. Next meeting will be March 18, 14:00, Brattleboro.
7. Goals discussion revisited:
- a. Mark G: Need to focus on schools, institutions, etc coming to the table and participating or we can't help them.
  - b. Peter C: LEPC 2 has involved schools in TTX (bus accident scenario, e.g.) and that has helped to boost their participation.
  - c. Eric S: TTX may be good way to draw in not only schools but also private corporations, utilities, etc who should be involved.
8. Updates:
- a. Health Department:
    - i. RACES radio installed at Brattleboro State Office Building; will be part of the June drill
    - ii. "Toolkit" info re pandemic flu, school closures, etc being developed, expected to be complete by September.
  - b. VEM:
    - i. March 6 meeting is scheduled with Red Cross, National Gard, FEMA re PODs. September 10 target date for completion.
    - ii. Northern New England Major Metropolitan Response System: VT team currently centered on Fletcher Allen Medical Ctr, will be reaching out across the state (<http://www.nnemrs.org/>).
    - iii. Hospital emergency planners meeting at Central VT next week.
    - iv. DisasterLAN training is getting started, first in Berlin. Schedule will be rolled out soon (Jim M will contact Bob Weinert about the schedule)
  - c. RERP Brattleboro Office:
    - i. Planning is on-going for school bus drill; next meeting is March 6.
    - ii. Will be convening group regarding emergency plans for nursing homes, hospitals, etc.
    - iii. February VY drill has been moved to March 12
    - iv. "Code Red" (telephone alert system) training is March 13, 19:00 - 21:00 at VY
9. Other business:
- a. Decision to recognize the work of Rod Francis at the March meeting; executive committee to handle it
  - b. Mark G: Suggested forming a training committee. Possible tasks:
    - i. Clearinghouse for training events and opportunities in the area.

- ii. Planning & scheduling training sessions for LEPC.
- iii. Lining up grant cycles to support training programs.

10. Next Meeting:  
Brattleboro Fire, Tuesday March 18, 14:00.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 19:55