
LEPC 6
Minutes
May 19, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 14:05.
2. Introductions. David Dezendorf, Kenneth March, Herbert Meyer, Jack Horton, Eric Stevens, Jay Karpin, Lisa Hecht, Kraig LaPorte, Mark Considine, Diane Champion, Josh O'Neill
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.
MOVED and seconded to approve the April 17, 2009 minutes as written. VOTE:
approved.
4. Shelter in Place Presentation: Josh O'Neill
 - a. Working off of a Red Cross developed Power-point, Josh delivered a short presentation on Sheltering in Place
 - b. LEPC members gave feedback throughout the presentation on how these techniques could be made more clear
 - c. It was noted that if the room used for sheltering was too small and not ventilated, there would be too much carbon dioxide and people would become ill. The duration of time needed to shelter will vary depending on the incident and this needs to be made more clear.
 - d. It was generally agreed that there needed to be more incident specific scenarios developed for sheltering in place techniques (e.g. chemical incident Vs. Tornado)
5. Roundtable Discussion on H1N1 Response and Coordination
 - a. Dianne Champion from VDH gave an update on H1N1. In general she stated that preparedness has slowed. Just one case has been identified in Vermont.
 - b. There was some discussion on the need for community meetings on the subject of H1N1. Diane stated that the 1918 Flu Pandemic came in waves and that like the 1918 Pandemic, we should be continually monitoring the situation in case a spike in cases is seen associated with a new wave of the Virus
 - c. Mark Considine discussed the SNS. Respirators need to be fit tested; especially if supplies become exhausted. Fit testing is an OSHA requirement. There are 90,000 respirators in the State and currently a large national backorder.
 - d. Rescue Inc. focusing on FIT Factor for Respirators
 - e. EMS is notifying service chiefs of training opportunities to do fit testing; State will issue 5 respirators per responder

School Crisis Planning Update

- a. Coordinate Town Public Safety Committees to do Basic EOP's and School Plans concurrently
- b. LEPC will be conducting a School Crisis Plan Training Workshop as part of 3 Year Training and Exercise Plan

6. HSU:
 - a. No Update
7. VEM:
 - a. No Update
8. CERT:
 - a. No Update
9. VSP:
 - a. Preparing for the June 10th VY Graded Exercise
 - b. A lot of info on underage drinking for Prom Season and school graduations will be going out
 - c. This will include community presentations and letters.
 - d. Additional Patrols slated for Memorial Day
10. VDH:
 - a. Diane Champion gave the update VDH update which focused on H1N1
11. Training Committee:
 - a. Members commented on LEPC Seminar Power-point Presentation. Josh will be cutting it down a bit and then using it at the June 11th Windham County Firefighters Meeting
 - b. Josh explained the difficulty he had in trying to schedule a Disaster-LAN training on a regional basis. VEM has very rigid protocols on how they like to get people trained on the D-LAN system. The specific town has to make a request and then the person looking to get the training has to fill out forms for background checks.
 - c. Josh will send out an email to gauge which folks want D-LAN training and then send work with VEM to facilitate trainings for those individuals
12. Old Business:
 - a. None
13. New Business:
 - a. None
14. Next Meeting:
 - i. June 16th, 7pm, location TBA
15. Meeting Adjourned at 16:15

Respectfully Submitted by,

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