

Minutes of LEPC 6
May 15, 2007
Brattleboro Fire House

Meeting opened at 2:05p.m.

1. Introductions: Rod Francis, Margo Wilkins, Barb Williams, Corwin Elwell, Pamela Corbett, Bill Irwin (Verizon), Laura Conway, Rich Cogliano, David Moore, Jim Tonkavich, David Emery, Andrea Hatch, Andy Hall, John Angil, Cindy Martel, Dale West, Keith Clark, Rick Hopkins, Thomas Goddard, Troy Johnson, Mark Considine.
2. Minutes of last meeting
Approved as submitted
3. CERT Status. Keith Clark
 - Changes are taking place with the relationship to VEM.
 - 7 more members are required to achieve the group size that would be provided with an equipment trailer.
 - CERT training takes place on the 4th Thursday of the month at Putney Fire House. The trainings continue to be advertised in the *Brattleboro Reformer*.
 - CERTs can **only** be activated through VEM, there is a link to the Fire Chief's Association of Windham County (contact Alan Pike).
4. VSP. Rick Hopkins
 - Rick introduced Paul Gauthier from the VSP Fusion Center who gave a presentation on Methamphetamine use and production. Key points for the LEPC audience include:
 - 1st Responders who discover a meth lab must approach it as a HAZMAT site
 - The premises must be gutted after use as a meth lab
 - Clean-up costs are usually covered by the Feds, but there may be a local component (this could be substantial)
 - Now a large percentage of children in foster care are victims of 'meth families'
 - Huge potential impact on 1st Responders including direct health effects (diminished lung capacity) from contact. The training needs are vast. The feds must be contacted asap, this brings fed \$, resources, and skills (including OSHA infractions etc.).
 - Substances are highly explosive, any risk back-off and dial 1-866-NOHEROIN as soon as there is a suspicion
 - There is often a need to involve child and protective services
 - Highway departments are also likely to encounter meth related risks, training is needed.
5. VEM. John Angil
 - IFO Drill Exercises are in train
 - Rich is continuing with training (general & RERP)
 - Laura is settling in with her administrative role
 - RERP is focusing on preparations for the Graded Exercise and FEMA
 - FEMA is assessing local flood damage and assisting towns with filing claims
6. HSU. Andrea Hatch
 - NIMS Baseline Survey still needs to be completed by many organizations. All outstanding grant reimbursements will now only be paid when the Survey is completed and returned.
 - There is still funding available for conducting local scale exercises

7. VDH. Pam Corbett
 - KI is now available. Letters have been sent to schools this week explaining the need to switch out the old KI for the new.
 - Childcare providers will have 4 training sessions available in June for KI.
 - Diane Sargent from VEM/RERP will be at these sessions to review emergency plans for childcare providers
 - All of the Town of Marlboro will be included in KI distribution (including the College and childcare services)
 - Animal Emergency Planning has been addressed in other parts of the state there are now excellent training opportunities in this field.

The meeting agreed that Pam, Jim and Rod would work on organizing a presentation on the topic for the September meeting.

8. Old Business.
 - RRps/EOPs Rod reminded those present that the RRP's and EOP's are now overdue for updating and annual readoption.
 - Rod discussed the contents of the draft grant application to undertake HAZMAT inventory work on I91 and Rt9 (and hopefully the railroad). Dave Emery mentioned that with Tier II reporting it is possible to identify the source of EHS and then incorporate that information with the survey data.
9. New Business. None
10. Next Meeting.

June 19th at 6.30p.m. at Newbrook Fire House.

Meeting adjourned 4:15p.m.