

Minutes of LEPC 6
July 17, 2007
Brattleboro Fire House

Meeting opened at 2:07p.m.

1. Introductions: Rod Francis, Andy Hall, Michael Bucossi, Mark Considine, Thomas Goddard, Diane Sargent, John Angil, Laura Conway, Diane Champion, Dale West, Allen Pike, Herb Meyer, Mark Gilmore, Margo Wilkins, Pamela Corbett, Lisa Hecht, Cindy Martel, David Moore
2. Minutes of May meeting
Approved as amended (Lisa Hecht was present).
3. CERT Status: No report
4. VSP Status: No report
5. VEM Status
Diane Sargent: Town EPZ plans have been distributed. Childcare plans have been distributed. Nursing homes can expect their plans this week. Minor revisions are being made to the IFO plan. August 8 is the first practice drill, September 27 is the second practice drill then October 17 is the graded exercise. RERP budget meetings for EPZ towns and other entities commence August 2.
6. HSU Status. No report
7. VDH Status
Diane Champion: KI distributed. Replacement KI has arrived, letters to residents and businesses go out late August. Child care providers, Nursing homes and pharmacies are beginning to receive supplies. Schools are also beginning to receive supplies (does Marlboro?).

Pam Corbett: Maternal Childcare coalition has identified that young mothers and young pregnant women are vulnerable in terms of emergency preparedness. Suggestions for reaching this target population were offered. One issue for emergency planners to address is what (if any) plans exist to cater for delivering babies during an emergency. Rescue Inc. could address some of this through the 'surge capacity' management. Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH) has a health fair in September, which coincides with Emergency Preparedness Month. The Strategic National Stockpile should be in place by August 6.
8. Future Meetings
Proposed: Animal Shelter (September) Rod is preparing
Other topics: Schools as sites for recruiting potential 1st responders through curriculum based training; General Emergency Preparation Training (following the example of Waltham and Chelmsford, MA)
9. Old Business
Lisa Hecht (Marlboro EMD) raised the issue of Marlboro's status with reference to RERP exercises, training and resources (given Marlboro's status in Title 20) and whether as such an RRP was adequate or an EOP was required. Discussion involving John Angil (VEM/RERP), Rod Francis (WRC) and Lisa established:
* John considers an EOP a vital component of a town's emergency planning work
* Rod clarified that the state does not require a town without a full-time 1st

responder staff member or a population under 2,500 to have an EOP.

* Both John and Rod offered to assist Marlboro if they seek to write an EOP.

* Rod offered to assist Marlboro in the upcoming RERP budget process.

* John agreed to find observer locations for Marlboro 1st responders in the upcoming VY drill.

10. New Business: None

11. Next Meeting: September 18, 2:00pm at Brattleboro Fire House

Meeting Adjourned 3:15pm