

Minutes of LEPC 6
September 18, 2007
Brattleboro Fire House

Meeting opened at 2:07p.m.

1. Introductions: Rod Francis, Mark Kracum, Dianne Champion, Chris Stoughton, George Adduci, Candace Stoumen, Lisa Hecht, Jack Horton, Rick Hopkins, Andy Hall, Michael Bucossi, Mark Considine, Michael Bucossi, Jim Tonkavich, Margo Wilkins, Laura Conway, Dale West, Allen Pike, Herb Meyer, Mark Gilmore, Margo Wilkins, Pamela Corbett, Lisa Hecht, Cindy Martel, Rich Cogliano, Peter Coffey
2. Minutes of July meeting
Approved.
3. CERT Status:
Mark Krakum: Still looking for new members, still holding trainings 4th Thursday of the month 7:00p.m. at Putney Fire House.
4. VSP Status:
Rick Hopkins: Dave Cavelle is the new head of D troop. Preparations for participation in the 9/27 drill and October 17 graded exercise continue.
5. VEM Status
Peter Coffey (VEM Waterbury): Points of Distribution (PoD) Presentation. A post-Katrina initiative of FEMA designed to enable drive-through delivery of emergency food rations and water in the wake of a large-scale natural disaster. Peter Coffey is charged with developing the plan for the state of Vt. Given the population and density of settlement it is hoped that the 2 lowest scales of state staging can be avoided. This would enable materials to be distributed straight from trucks arriving from Westover AF Base (the New England warehouse). Given the population and area of LEPC 6 four (4) PoDs need to be identified. LEPCs can do preliminary identification of sites for VEM on the basis of local knowledge etc.

Sub-committee consisting of Lisa Hecht, Pamela Corbett, Rick Hopkins and Rod Francis formed to provide needed info.
6. HSU Status:
Andrea Hatch: There will be an offering of a NIMS/ICS training course for EMDs, look for announcements from Rob Schell. The Vt HSU grant application to the federal department was strong, but in this latest round of funding decisions Vt's small overall population and lack of strategic interest means that future federal funds will go down (approximately from \$6.5mill to \$3.5mill). Under current arrangements each state currently receives a minimum of .75% this will be reduced to .45% for FY08. The majority if these funds will continue to fund the purchase of V-COMM, MCI trailers, Mass Care Facilities (no southern site has been identified) and VEM planning (including VPARD/DisasterLan).

PLEASE complete your agencies NIMS survey, this information impacts all Federal Preparedness Grants.
7. VDH Status
Pamela Corbett: The PoD issue raises workload and MOU questions. KI distribution mail-out received a good response. The latest VY drill raised issues

about the VDH role. Bill Irwin (VDH Radiation Officer) will visit the local office in November to conduct office training.

8. Future Meetings

Annual Meeting/dinner (combined with animal shelter presentation) at BMH 6:30 pm October 23, 2007

A nomination committee consisting of Pamela, Rod and Margot was formed.

Other future meeting proposals include a tri-state decisionmakers summit to better coordinate EPZ and emergency planning activities in general.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business:

None

11. Next Meeting: October 23, 6:30pm at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Meeting Adjourned 3:50pm