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## LEPC 6

### Minutes from Annual Meeting January 17, 2012

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The meeting was called to order at 17:50.

1. Present Gaila Gulack, Paul Fraser, Heather Kamper, David Dezendorf, Eric Stevens, Michelle Barrows, Heath Boyer, Glenn Herrin, Tony Marques, Andy Hall, Herb Meyer, Richard Cooke, Thomas Goddard, Mark Considine, Dinah Reed, John Angil, Matthew Daskal, Jim Tonkovich, Pamela Corbett
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.  
Correction to the November minutes, to include Jim Tonkovich under those present. Motion made to approve minutes as amended.
3. Homeland Security Update (HSU) Update
4. Vermont Emergency Management (VEM)

- a. No report

- a. For clarification the VEM EMD level I certification requires the state recognized Hazardous Materials Awareness (8 hour) course. The course description is listed below. Courses are set up via the Vermont Fire Academy. For Southern Vermont the contact is:

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#### **Hazardous Materials Awareness (8 hours)**

This entry-level class is designed for all personnel who may encounter a hazardous materials situation. The course learning objectives are based on the OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 regulation and meet the NFPA 472 Standard on Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials / WMD Incidents. Students will receive an introduction to hazardous materials, be able to describe the process for analyzing an incident, and describe the procedure for implementing a response. This course is designed to meet the needs of Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service providers, Firefighters, and other emergency service providers. Successful completion of a written exam is required for certification

[http://firesafety.vermont.gov/fire\\_training/training\\_programs#Haz Mat Awareness](http://firesafety.vermont.gov/fire_training/training_programs#Haz Mat Awareness)

- b. West River Club will be offering a Ham Amateur Radio Class. Starts Tues. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> for 5 weeks. Cost if \$50 for books and course. If interested call John Angil. This is a General Level class which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of licensing. If you have tested on the Technical Level and passed, you can take this class.
  - c. **Next VY drill is March 14<sup>th</sup>. EPZ town** officials can come and visit, to observe what happens at drill.
5. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- a. A Statewide exercise is happening on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> to include a Ham Radio, basically a full-scale communications system exercise. CERT/RACES will be involved.
6. 2-1-1
- a. Call volume has grown from 5,000 our first year (2005) to over 51,000 in 2011.
  - b. Actual 2011 total would be even higher but many of the 15,000 calls during the first week of Irene did not get tallied due to the overwhelming call volume.
  - c. Windham County provided 3,400 of those total calls (approx. 7%, which interestingly enough matches up with Windham being just a bit more than 7% of the state's population)
  - d. Statewide, Basic Needs (shelter, food, utilities) accounted for 24% --- In Windham County these referrals were 25%.
  - e. Statewide, Community Services (mostly pertaining to Irene) accounted for 18% of the calls --- in Windham County these referrals were 20%.
  - f. The third largest category of need statewide was Income Support (public assistance programs, temporary financial need) --- in Windham County the third largest category of calls was for legal & criminal justice issues (about 10%).
  - g. Of the total number of calls statewide, 75% of the callers needed an actual referral to a service for a need; 25% just need information to connect them to a service they already knew about.
  - h. Of the total number of calls statewide, 56% of the callers were Repeat Callers, which also demonstrates the strong support that 211 has in the community.
7. Red Cross
- a. No report
8. Vermont State Police (VSP)
- a. No report
9. Vermont Dept. of Health (VDH)
- a. Development of Medical Reserve Corps – have Tony Marques and Dana West as links to Grace Cottage, and Anthony Girard at Brattleboro Retreat. At a meeting today the question came up about a link between shelters and HCRS. Can HCRS take a more active role and more presence at shelters? You cannot open a Red Cross Shelter unless you have a professional in mental health and/or EMT on location.
  - b. Continue to work with the humane society. DRAFT MOU submitted to Town of Brattleboro so shelters can be pet friendly.
  - c. Med surge mass care – compiling list of people who can be available to staff the unit, especially for the first 48 hours.
  - d. 22,000 doses of KI for children will be available soon, as they expire in April 2012.
10. Hospitals / Health Care
- a. Working with the Health Department and Red Cross to plan for the Mass Care site.
11. Tier II Reporting – Industry Representation
- a. No report.
12. Training Committee

- a. Launching a survey to assess training needs. Survey will be sent to all Town Officials, Road Foreman, Volunteers, Fire, Police, EMS, and hospital personnel.
- b. Discussion about purchasing a TTX kit "Abbottville" that can be shared amongst various emergency groups of people who want to conduct TTX.
- c. Discussion about working with VLCT to encourage or require ICS training at the Town Official level.

13. Old Business:

- a. None

14. New Business:

- a. Discussion about the WRC forming a new committee related to emergency management, composed of WRC Commissioners, who would take the message back to Town Officials. The message would be that Town Officials need to know and understand the four components of ICS, because they will be directly involved and have to make decisions under Planning and Finance, and some Logistics. Idea was approved of by the LEPC 6. WRC will work on establishing this committee.
- b. Program Ideas for 2012:
  - ANR
  - Psychological First Aid / Disaster Mental Health
  - Program on Volunteer Coordinators – managing volunteers
  - Law Enforcement presentation
  - Tier II Awareness / Chemicals in my town... / What is in the trucks going up and down Rt. 30 and Rt. 9?
  - Senior Solutions
  - Med Surge Planning (May)
  - Domestic Pets / Humane Society (toward end of year)
  - Pandemic

15. Next Meeting:

- a. **February 21, 2012**
- b. **Brattleboro Memorial Hospital – Drew Barry Conference Room**
- c. **Program: TBD**

16. Meeting Adjourned at 19:30.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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