LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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June 19, 2014 - 6pm – 8pm
VA Hospital, Bldg 44, Room 103B, WRJ, VT
JOINT LEPC12 + LEPC3 MEETING

MINUTES – DRAFT

Attendees: John Durkee, Amanda Maurier, Mark Warner, Gary Moore, Ann Ackley, Gidget Lyman, Mark Belisle, Mary Hamisevicz, Wendy Walsh, John Van Wetering, Bill Burden, Jerry Fredrickson, Robert Schell, Jim Tonkovich, Jack Schonberg, Steve Leinoff, Mike Manning, David Aldrighgetti, Capt. Ray Bushey, Joe Truss, Lance Colby, Brad Salzmann, Lt. Bill Jenkins, Becky Thomas, Kevin Geiger, John Broker-Campbell and Rita Seto.

1. Call to order and introductions 6:04pm – *Bill Burden presided.*

2. Election of LEPC12 Officers: Current slate – Chair – Bill Burden, V-Chair – Mark Belisle, Treasurer – John Durkee, Secretary – Cindy Spaulding. Kevin Geiger nominated Mark Warner as Chair. Mark accepts. Bill Burden removed his name from slate. Gary Moore motioned for new slate, Joe Truss 2nd. All approved. Bill Burden was thanked for his many years of service being Chair of the LEPC12 group.

3. Approval of minutes for 04/17/14 – no comments, filed for record.

4. Treasurer's report – *John Durkee*
   John reported $5 balance. Jack Schonberg motioned to authorize TRORC to apply on behalf of LEPC12 for 2014 VEM $4000 allotment. Mark Belisle 2nd. All approved.

5. Animal Response during Disasters – *Jack Schonberg, UVDART*
   Hurricane Katrina put a spot light on deserted pets during a disaster evacuation. People will ignore evacuation orders to stay with pets which endanger rescuers. There are 2 levels Vermont DART and Upper Valley DART. Red Cross has not taken animals in the past. There is still no fix for our regional ARC at Hartford High as no animals are allowed there. Jack reviewed UVDART creation and remaining issues. UVDART is only operational but RC may allow small shelters and UVDART could supply personnel. Local shelter teams could do animals too but will require training (offered by UVDART). Jack reviewed need for sheltering and animal needs along with the attached handout. Ann Ackley is Chair of UVDART. There is pet first aid training July 27 at Mount Ascutney Hospital. If anyone is interested in joining the group please contact Ann.

6. VT Alert – *Robert Schell, VEM*
   Rob gave overview of VT Alert, how it was created and how it can be used. The aim is to reach the public and notify persons on life safety events. It's proven to be robust, economical, secure and can use reverse 911. The system can be customized to the public, private, targeted to specific groups or individuals or by geography. Signing up is free and you can register family and friends who do not have computers or smartphones.

7. Other Business/Upcoming training:

- LEPC Plan – Kevin is going to start updating.
- Citizen Corps rep – On behalf of Tom Harty, CERT, Rita requested motion to have Tom represent LEPC12 at the Citizen Corps. Mark Belisle 1st, Jerry Fredrickson 2nd. All agreed.
- Prouty on July 12, Richmond Middle School in Hanover is EOC.
- Aug 8 communication grants are out (Mark Belisle)

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm
Next meeting – August 20, 2014, location TBD

Respectfully submitted by Rita Seto for Cindy Spaulding, Secretary