

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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February 15, 2018 - DRAFT VA Hospital White River Junction, Vermont

Attendees: Anthony Ercole, Bill Burden, Jack Schonberg, Doug Merrill, Gary Moore, Lance Colby, Mary Hamisevicz, Tory Littlefield, Kim Gilbert, Tim Caulfield, Scott Cooney, Shaun Henrix, Heather Rigney, Brad Salzmann, Bruce Brouhard, Gerry Fredrickson, Stacy Garciadealba, Chad Whitcomb, Mariah Whitcomb, Mark Belisle, Glenn Herrin, and Major Rick Hopkins.

1. Call to order at 6:05 p.m. Mark Warner presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of Minutes for 12/21/2017
Motion made by Jack Schonberg and seconded by Mark Belisle. The Committee approved the minutes of December 21, 2017 unanimously.
3. Action on SERC Application for \$4,000 LEPC allotment.
Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Lance Colby. The Committee approved the SERC application unanimously.
4. Treasurers Report
Tory Littlefield stated that there is \$2,005.
5. Select Locations for 2018 LEPC Meetings
Tory Littlefield listed that many locations were offered for future LEPC meetings around the region since the last meeting. It was suggested that Tory choose the locations for the year and email the list out to everyone once that is completed.
6. FirstNet
Terry LaValley from the Department of Public Service gave a presentation on the national radio system FirstNet. AT&T won the contract and is tasked with building new cell towers and switching out the old transmitters with new ones to increase the reach of cell phones who use this service. Please see the attached presentation for more information or go to PSBC.vermont.gov
7. VT Alert Update
Glenn Herrin from Vermont Emergency Management updated the LEPC on the new VT Alert system. Much of it is the same expect a new company is handling it. People who were signed up before need to re-register in order to get notifications. It can be used (through a request to the state) to blast out notifications during an emergency. Please see the attached presentation for more information.
8. Prouty Emergency Sheltering
Bruce Brouhard is the Prouty's emergency coordinator. He explained that sheltering was needed because of inclement weather during their larger bike races. He expressed a need to the

LEPC for more shelters along the US Route 5 corridor and for the Prouty Ultimate that runs through the entire LEPC12 region. He will be reaching out to towns for locations.

9. DHS moving to State Police Update

Major Rick Hopkins updated the LEPC on the Department of Homeland Security moving from VEM over to the state police. One of the main tasks his department does is apply for security grants to help locals (mostly police) get needed equipment. They are looking to hire a Critical Infrastructure planner sometime this year. Please refer to the attached presentation for more information.

10. LEPC CERT

Brad stated the registration website is down and has been down for a while, he contacted staff at VEM for some assistance on this. No change since the last meeting.

11. Other Business

Tory Littlefield stated that there are Spring Flooding Seminars being held throughout the state. The remaining outlook at these presentations is not too bad, although there may be some concern with the rapid increase in temperature expected next week.

Mark Warner notified the LEPC that upcoming elections are in June and they may need a new Chair and Secretary because of membership requirements. A nominating committee was put together that consists of Mariah Whitcomb, Scott Cooney, and Gary Moore. Tory Littlefield from TRORC will coordinate with them on this and a recommendation is expected at the April meeting.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Gerry Fredrickson and seconded by Jack Schoenberg to adjourn the LEPC 12 meeting at 8:22 p.m. until it meets again on April 19, 2018 at VT Technical College in Randolph. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tory Littlefield for Mark Warner, LEPC Chair