

LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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**October 17, 2019
VA Hospital
White River Junction, Vermont**

Attendees: Stacy Garciadealba, Brad Salzman, Bruce Martin, Lance Colby, Jack Schoenberg, Heather Rigney, Lt. Barb Kessler, Mary Hamisevicz, GK Fredrickson, Rich Doolen, Mariah Whitcomb, Gary Moore, and Tory Littlefield.

1. Call to order at 6:05 p.m. Bruce Martin presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of minutes for 8/22/2019
A motion was made by Brad Salzman and seconded by Heather Rigney to approve the minutes of 8/22/2019. All approved.
3. Action on TRORC Invoice of \$559.84
A motion was made by Gary Moore and seconded by Lance Colby to approve the TRORC invoice. Tory L. stated that this was to close out the FY19 funding and that it was used to plan for the Royalton tabletop exercise. All approved.
4. Treasurers Report
Brad Salzman state that there is \$5 in the account.
5. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care

Mariah Whitcomb presided. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) is a training program for EMS, Fire and Police departments to train them in intense medical incidents, such as an active shooter. A lot of rural departments in Vermont do not have this training or the proper equipment to respond to incidents such as an active shooter or a bus crash. This training is good from the emergency management community to know about as they can start the conversation and bring this training to their communities. TECC is a fairly expensive two day course, so substituting it with a 'Stop the Bleed' course (which is 1-2 hours) can be helpful.

6. Action on LEPC12 Schedule Change
Tory L. explained that at the last meeting it was discussed on going from bi-monthly meetings to quarterly to have quality over quantity for the LEPC. She put forth a couple of options for the schedule change. Extensive discussion was had with the LEPC12 membership about this change being potentially good for membership. It was suggested that the LEPC send targeted letters to organizations, facilities, and communities who should be attending LEPC12 meetings and are not. Tory agreed with this and will draft a letter that will come from her and Bruce Martin this winter.

A motion was made by Gary Moore and seconded by Rich Doolen to change the LEPC12

regular meeting schedule from bi-monthly to a March, June, September, December schedule starting in 2020. All approved.

7. Other Business/Upcoming Training

a. TRORC

- i. Tory showed the LEPC the presentation that was presented to the LEPC chairs by the SERC the week prior about LEPC consolidation. It appears that the meeting favored a one statewide LEPC model that would take away the statutory obligations each LEPC has, but still provided a mechanism for the LEPC groups to meet under the guise of the LEPC to stick with an all-hazards approach. This is likely a long-term solution and it will go through the SERC sub-committee for vetting.
 - ii. The LEPC12 website has now been migrated to the TRORC website. The old URL (lepc12.org) will automatically transfer you to the TRORC website.
 - iii. Tory previously sent out and went over the new proposed LEPC plan template. This template is much more extensive. The state has hired a contractor to work with each LEPC to write up the first plan, generate a training and exercise plan, and then exercise the plan.
- b. Rich Doolen stated that the Town of Randolph has pulled out of the CAT 4 exercise, which is slated to take place October 23-25.
 - c. VT 211 is no longer 24/7, it is now M-F 8a-8p. This is due to a funding cut to its services.
 - d. Rich Doolen spoke about his project he has been working on with TRORC to increase the number of VT Alert signups in his region (Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield) with informational maps. He will report back after he completes the project.
 - e. Bruce Martin stated that the number of HazMat calls is about the same as last year. There are more instances of petroleum, but also a lot of 'white powder' calls, one was with ricin.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:34. Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Mary Hamisevicz. All approved.

The next meeting will be at the Royalton State Police Barracks in Royalton on December 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tory Littlefield for Bruce Martin, LEPC Chair.