

# Regional Emergency Management Committees (REMCs)

Statewide Guidance 2/22/21



# Current Situation

- RPCs receive (EMPG) funding to host a minimum of 2 EMD roundtables per year, some choose to hold more
- Every local jurisdiction is responsible for running its own EM organization
- Many all-hazard local emergency planning requirements are being met in an inconsistent manner across the state
- SERC is adopting a single statewide LEPC that reorganizes most federal and state HAZMAT planning responsibilities

# Where we go from here –

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# Mission


Regional Emergency Management Committees (REMCs) will coordinate emergency management activities across all phases of emergency management in their regions.



# Responsibilities

- Members shall develop and maintain a regional plan, following guidance and a template provided by VEM, and submit to their VEM Regional Coordinator annually. This will include:
  - Regional contact information,
  - Regional resources,
  - Regional mutual aid agreements
- Coordinate and support regional all-hazards emergency management activities, including planning, training & exercising.
- *1 individual, elected from membership, shall represent the REMC on the statewide LEPC.*
- 1 individual, elected from membership, shall represent the REMC in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)/ Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). This individual will report on the capabilities and gaps in the region's response to threats/hazards.
- 1 individual, elected from membership, shall represent the group at the Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop (IPPW). This individual will report on the plans, trainings, & exercises needed for the region.
- Meet at least quarterly.

# Support

- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) / new Statewide LEPC will maintain coordination with REMCs on HAZMAT specific issues (mapping, new facility identification)
  - VEM will provide support to REMCs through:
    - Regional Coordinators (technical support)
    - Direct funding to RPCs (administrative support, including taking meeting minutes)
  - REMCs may have access to competitive grant funding (eg: Homeland Security, Hazard Mitigation). REMCs will determine a fiscal agent at time of application.
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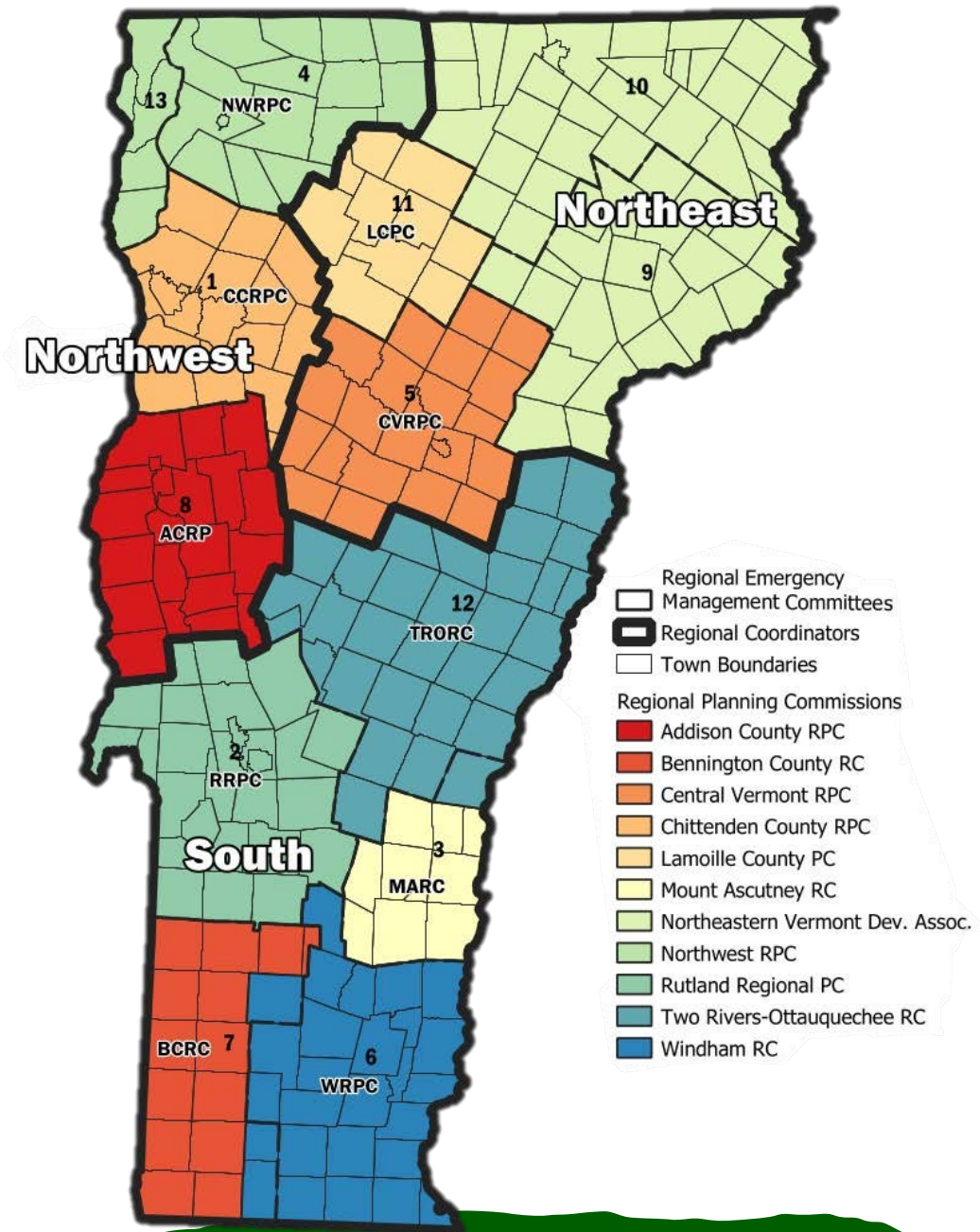
# Boundaries

## RPC - Modified


Continue with same number of groups, just ensure towns are served by RPC that works with them day-to-day

Changes from LEPC:

- Hartland -> TRORC
- Winhall, Readsboro, Searsburg ->WRC



# Membership

- Voting Members: Local emergency management director, or designee, from each municipality in the region.
    - EMD must notify the RPC if they are designating someone else to represent municipality as a voting member.
  - Non-voting members: fire departments; emergency medical services; law enforcement; media; transportation; regional planning commissions; hospitals; the department of health district office; Vermont Emergency Management, organizations serving vulnerable populations, and any other interested public or private individual or organization.
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# Structure

- Voting members shall annually elect a chair and vice chair of the committee from the voting membership. This chair, with support from the RPC, shall develop a meeting schedule, agenda, and facilitate each meeting. The vice chair shall fill in for the chair during their absence.
- No Treasurer or Secretary.
  - Fiscal Agent will be determined at time of grant application (with MOU between those contributing funding/benefiting).
  - Secretary duties will be performed by RPCs, paid for by VEM

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