

LEPC #10
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2005

Opening:

The regular meeting of the LEPC #10 was called to order at 7 p.m. on January 11, 2005 in Derby at the State Police Barracks by Chairman Paul Duquette.

Present:

Barbara Thompson, VT Dept. of Health
Larry Thompson, C.E.R.T.
Arnold Uttin, HAM Radio
Chris Roy, HAM Radio/Media
Larry Burdick, Barton EMC
Bill Smith, Newport Ambulance
Barb Farr, NVDA
Jessica Barber, VT HSU
Steve Perkins, Craftsbury Fire Dept.
Sandra Leonard, NCH & Jay Town
Scott Bryant, Derby Line Fire/Rescue
Steve Young, Beecher Falls FD
Lt. Tom Hanlon, VSP
Deborah B. Crowe, VSP
J. Paul Duquette, Newport PD
Dennis Kelley, Derby Line C.E.R.T.
Pete Krauss, D.C.F. & C.E.R.T.
Dale Perron, VT Trans

Debbie Crowe was voted in as part of LEPC #10 membership.

A motion was made and the last meetings minutes and were passed.

Barb Thompson reported that the LEPC #10 account balance is \$6,103.86.

Election of Officers for 2005 was done. Paul Duquette was voted to stay in as Chairman. Tom Hanlon was voted in as Vice Chairman. Barb Thompson was voted to stay in as Treasurer. Debbie Crowe was voted in as Secretary.

Debbie Crowe will build an email group will all LEPC #10 members and this is how all meeting minutes and other information will be sent to all members via this email group.

Paul Duquette reported that the new HSU grant money will not go to any communications needs, only for equipment. \$1.288 Million was given to District B for Police, Fire, & EMS and they are allowing bunker gear and vests. \$516,000 was allocated to Law Enforcement. All grant applications must be in Waterbury on February

1st and items need to be prioritized by necessity. There was \$500,000 planning grant money given, with \$350,000 of that going to Geospatial data collection. All grant information can be seen on the Homeland Security website.

Paul Duquette reported that LEPC #10 has a new shelter trailer (7 ½' X 17') that will be delivered this week and was received through LEPC grant money. Members need to think of items needed for the 2005 LEPC grant application. One idea was individual fire extinguishers for each CERT member.

Barb Farr reported that a new Pre-Disaster Mitigation draft is being worked on with a listing of all the towns in the Flood Insurance Program. Barton and Lyndonville are planning disaster exercises. She also reported that all Emergency Operation Plans will consist of all the LEPC plans with a general index. All the data has been collected for this and should be completed in June. First Responders will have read access to the data and LEPC Members and Law Enforcement will have modification access. The 2nd draft of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans and the Rapid Reponse Plans are being downloaded on the website.

Decontamination training is planned at the Hospital which will be funded from the planning and exercise grant money from 2004. The 2004 planning and exercise grant was for \$67,000 and 2/3 of this money is left.

Paul Duquette made a motion to have an Exercise Committee appointed and was passed. This will include Essex County with their grant of \$9,000. The Committee will consist of Steve Young (Essex), Jess Barber, Barb Farr, and Dennis Kelley.

A 2nd Exercise grant is coming and the plan is to hire one Contractor for all exercises held in Vermont in 2005.

Captain Chris Reinfurt is the new Director of Homeland Security.

Dennis reported that the American Legion and the Citizen Corp. will be joining together. They plan to meet with WMOO radio station for a forum at the end of March, beginning of April, and will set training dates for Orleans County. The newspapers have been notified and will put in meeting dates and training sessions. Basic training is in February. The American Legions in Island Pond, Newport, and Westfield will attend the CERT training.

CERT Members manned barricades at the 1st Night New Year's Event in Burlington.

The CERT team needs training in rope use, map reading, compass reading, HAZMAT, water and flood control, and machinery mechanics (water pumps etc.). Equipment needs are rope and fire extinguishers. Also need a note taker at events. Andrea Ralya will give a class to CERT Members on movement and care involving mental health patients on February 4th, all paid by Homeland Security. CERT training is needed in land/animal training and plan to use Fish & Wildlife to give the training in animals. They spoke to

the State Food & Nutrition on bio-chemical problems, and the blind & visually impaired people. Paul Duquette advised that 3 or 4 High Rescue Teams received grant money but none have been trained to use it.

Local fliers have been sent out for CERT Members in Colebrook NH area. No CERT team has been organized in Essex County. Orleans County CERT team plans to help Essex put a team together.

The webpage development is being coordinated through NVDA with Island Pond Wireless and should be up and running in a week. The website will be www.lepc10.org. The cost of the webpage is being paid by NVDA at this time.

An I.D. and accountability system is being done by Web EOC, as Fire Tracks has high cost licensing fees. The basic package will cost \$60,000 with no licensing fees. Web EOC will dump all the information into the system. All 250 1st Responder Agencies received \$10,000 for a program for ID's. All of Vermont will go to Web EOC and the server will be located in Waterbury. Each 1st Responder will have all of their information dumped into the main system to generate Id's. The ID information will be State and local certifications and a photo. The plan is to incorporate mutual aid and all equipment.

Randy Bronson was not present to report on VT Emergency Mgmt. and SERC news.

Paul Duquette reported that a Communications Van was purchased with Fiscal Year 2003 part 2 money. He is coming up with a protocol for the use of it. Frequencies will be banked by Burlington Communications. May ask CERT to take part in transporting the van and make it part of the protocol.

The vote in of Debbie Crowe as Secretary will be sent in for approval through CERT.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by Paul Duquette. Next meeting date set for February 8, 2005 at 7 P.M. at the VT State Police, Derby Barracks.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah B. Crowe

Approved by: J. Paul Duquette