

LEPC #10
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2005

Opening:

The regular meeting of the LEPC #10 was called to order at 7 p.m. on April 12, 2005 in Derby at the State Police Barracks by Chairman Paul Duquette.

Present:

Scott Bryant, Derby Line Fire Dept.
Steve Perkins, Craftsbury Fire Dept.
Barbara Farr, NVDA
Chris Roy, Media
Sandra Leonard, NCH, Jay EM, NEIMA
Larry Burdick, Barton EMC, Orleans Emergency Unit
Dennis Kelley, CERT
Arnold Uttin, Ham Radio
Andrea Ralya, VDH
Ann Creavan, VDH
Larry Thompson, Brownington Planning/CERT
Kathleen J. Nelson, CERT
Pete Krauss, CERT/EDS
Barbara Thompson, VDH/CERT
Roland Mayhew, Town of Troy, EMC
J. Paul Duquette, Newport PD
Tom Hanlon, VSP-Derby
Walt Goodell, VSP-Derby
Debbie Crowe, VSP-Derby

Introduction of Captain Walt Goodell. He is the Vermont State Police, Troop B Commander. He advised he will attend as many meetings as possible.

Secretary's Report:

March's meeting minutes were passed after one correction.

Treasurer's Report:

The tabletop exercise cost \$1,562.00. There is a total of \$693.00 in CERT bills, which will be put in the grant. The cost of the file cabinet needs to be reimbursed to Tom Hanlon. The balance in the account is \$3,767.87. A new bill was received for pagers.

NVDA Update:

Work is being done on the pre-disaster mitigation plans. Have received back equipment lists and critical equipment lists from 43 communities in LEPC #9 & 10 areas, still awaiting the other 12.

Website Update:

All LEPC #10 Members were asked to check the LEPC #10 website at www.lepc10.org and make comments on what changes still need to be made. Give your comments to Barb Farr or the Web Master.

Information on the upcoming exercise will be added to the website.

Arnold Uttin suggested adding a counter to the website to see how many visits it has.

EM & SERC Update:

Randy Bronson was not present. SERC meeting minutes were reviewed and put into file.

Tabletop Review:

The tabletop lasted from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with registration from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

The total who attended was 59.

There were 5 Evaluators who sat in the crowd and felt there was a lot of good interaction.

The food from Eastside was excellent.

The facilitator at the May 14th exercise will be Tom Hanlon. His duty will be to keep the crowd on track.

Mutual Aid cooperation is needed during the actual exercise.

Disposal of radiation still being worked on.

Emergency Response guides will be referred to in any radiation scenarios.

The PBS television station did a special on dirty bombs.

Stanstead RCMP reached out for the CERT Leader Dennis Kelley. Dennis will speak to the Stanstead Fire Chief. The Standstead Journal has the information on the exercise.

The HazMat Team is not prepared for radiation. The EOD Team will be used to do the radiation decontamination. They will also bring their robot.

Derby Line Fire Dept. will be responding to the Derby exercise. Derby Line has a HazMat trailer and large number of staff to pull from. Any Firemen are welcome to come and observe.

A date for a planning meeting will be held towards the end of April.

Participating agencies will be forewarned.

Grants:

The Homeland Security Grant letters have been received. Every area had money left over.

Adam Heuslein from the Red Cross has a shelter trailer and the LEPC #10 logo will be put on it. This will be used for Red Cross shelter areas.

Shelter generators will be kicked over to critical infrastructure. Money is not available for towns to get generators, you may have to request through your local Fire Dept. The Shelter generators are a security improvement that will be paid for in the future by a \$380,000 critical infrastructure grant.

The planning and exercise grant for LEPC #10 was \$11,544.00. This will allow NVDA to come up with Personnel and data collection of local Responders. Everything is on disk for the individual towns. WEB EOC is being used by VT Yankee, as decision needs to be made before September, when the grant runs out.

Firemen are using thermal imaging cameras, which has helped to save structures.

CERT Update:

Posters were hung up for the upcoming training. WMOO and VPT will run ads along with the Newport Daily Express.

The training for the new CERT Members was suspended due to the upcoming exercise.

Eight new people have signed up for the upcoming class starting this weekend. The class is paid for except for the food and supplies. The classes start this April 16th, 23rd, & 30th at the Emory Hebard State Office Building. Some needs to be posted on the website on the CERT Team and use the brochure information to do this. Would like to get the Essex County Members to attend this training also.

LEPC #9 has 13 new Members.

Steve Young from Essex County has had a CERT ad in the paper for the past two weeks. So far there are 12 people signed up.

Red Cross is booked in the month of May. Paul Duquette will talk to Tim Stetson and Steve Young.

The grant runs out at the end of June and the Red Cross owed a second training. We may pre-pay for this or get an extension from the grant.

CERT Shelter Training: They will get the next session of CERT training done and then in May they will have Adam from the Red Cross give full access to the shelter trailer.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

April 26th at 7 p.m. there will be Sky Warn training in Bristol. This is for volunteer weather spotters and is open to all. The weather spotters are trained by the National Weather Service.

Have to meet NIMS system/protocol for future grants and training. There is an independent study course online called IS700, which consists of 20 questions that you send via email. The list of trainings can be found on the NEMA website. This applies to CERT.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned by J. Paul Duquette. Next meeting date set for May 17, 2005 at 7 P.M. at the VT State Police, Derby Barracks.

Minutes submitted by: Deborah B. Crowe

Approved by: J. Paul Duquette