

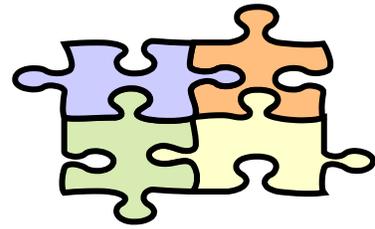
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Meeting Notes, May 10, 2016

Present: Noreen Karcher, VT 211; Kate Hammond, VT Dept. of Health; Kathi Walbridge, CERT/RACES; Zachary Borst, UVM; Josh Cox, DEMHS; Brian Hodge and Brian Medor, UVM; Harry Schoppmann, UJFD; Dan Albrecht, CCRPC; Kelly Wisecarver and Dan Lavilette, Red Cross; Seth Lasker, Colchester Rescue; Thomas Murphy and Andy Johnson, ENPRO; also CCRPC senior planner Lee Krohn, AICP.

There were no changes to the agenda, nor public comment on items not on the agenda.

With no questions or concerns, the meeting notes of April 12, 2016 were accepted by unanimous consent.

Organizational matters, including membership and election of officers – tabled until June.

Dan Albrecht of CCRPC spoke about the All Hazard Mitigation Plan update presently underway, which occurs every five years per FEMA rules. There is a county wide plan, along with 'annexes', or separate plans prepared for each individual municipality. Having a hazard mitigation plan is one of the four prerequisites for receiving maximum funding under ERAF for repairs after major storms or disasters, the other requirements being: having an adopted Local Emergency Operations Plan, participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and adopting the VTrans road and bridge standards. Dan reviewed the overall process and timing, along with hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities. Towns will retain their present 'eligible' status while plans are being submitted to and reviewed by DEMHS and FEMA.

Josh Cox of DEMHS presented on THIRA and its application to emergency management planning. THIRA: Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, is part of state and federal planning to identify and assess risks, and then to estimate capabilities and requirements needed to be able to manage and/or respond to those risks or incidents. There are four main steps: identify threats or hazards of concern, give context to each, establish capability targets, and then develop resource requirements. These are considered within five mission areas: prevention, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation; each within 32 core capability areas, so it is a complex process. This then feeds into a State Preparation Report – rating current capabilities related to THIRA target areas, determining gaps or needs and how they can be resolved, and corroborate these from current events. All are used to help determine needs and budget requirements, setting priorities for workplans, grants, trainings, and exercises.

Andy Johnson and Tom Murphy of ENPRO provided an overview of their firm's work, responding when called to all manner of work and incidents: industrial cleaning, fuel spills, site remediation, transportation accidents, meth lab cleanup, hazardous materials, site abatement (biological, chemical, asbestos...), tank removal or installation, and waste management, including cleanup, transport, and disposal. They manage more than 2000 drums per month of various materials, and with their recent merger with TMC, have handled sites from small scale residential oil tanks to the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Project updates

Zach Borst described recent and upcoming events at UVM, including the naked bike ride, and commencement weekend May 20-22. Commencement is on May 21, and will involve considerable traffic on 'the hill', and closure of Prospect Street from Main Street to Pearl Street.

Mike Collins reports that all is well at Global Foundries.

Josh Cox had nothing new beyond the LEPC Report distributed in advance of the meeting.

Kate Hammond: preparation for this summer's Vigilant Guard exercise, including PODs. All Vermont hospitals will participate. MRC is active, and has a summit this weekend. They received a NACCHO grant to distribute warm weather 'go kits', and will host a New American safety day on the 21st.

Kathi Walbridge reported that CERT is quiet now, but may become active in Vigilant Guard. RACES will participate, and has a radio class this weekend.

Dan Lavilette of the Red Cross introduced Kelly Wisecarver as the new representative to LEPC.

Noreen Karcher of VT 211 said all is quiet.

Andy Johnson of ENPRO had nothing additional after his presentation.

Harry Schoppmann of Underhill-Jericho FD will now participate actively in LEPC.

Brian Medor and Brian Hodge, UVM environmental safety technicians, covered for Jeff Rogers.

It was reported that UVM Medical hosted tabletop exercises for an ebola outbreak and a mass casualty incident; and that the Airport had also hosted a recent tabletop exercise.

Lee Krohn of CCRPC attended a recent workshop on identifying potential 'active shooters', and presented the current financial statement. LEPC remains solvent.

Borst suggested arranging site visits for LEPC to learn more about other entities, and to mix things up with meetings.

Other Business/upcoming meeting schedule/adjourn

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14 at 0900 hours. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn, AICP.