

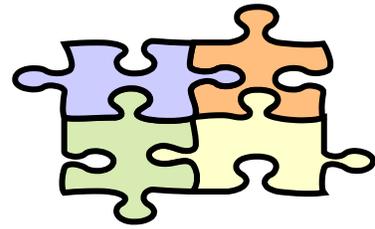
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Meeting Notes, June 14, 2016

Present: Al Barber, Hinesburg Fire; Ron Pentkowski, DEMHS; Noreen Karcher, VT 211; Kate Hammond, VT Dept. of Health; Bob Henneberger, CERT/RACES; Zachary Borst, UVM; Josh Cox, DEMHS; Jeff Rogers, Brian Hodge, and Brian Medor, UVM; Harry Schoppmann, UJFD; Mike Collins, Global Foundries; John Berino, UVM Medical Center; Andy Squires, Richmond Rescue; Dan Lavilette, Red Cross; Dustin Keelty, Town of Milton; 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 May 10, 2016 were accepted by unanimous consent.

Anne Goodrich, Project Manager, Upper Valley Strong: Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs)

A COAD is a collection of local/regional nonprofits or other public/private entities that are organized, trained, and coordinated to respond effectively in times of need, connecting individuals in need with local resources that can help 'fill the gap' between the initial phase of emergency response and the recovery phase. COADS are more locally-based, and can reach up to statewide VOADs or other larger scale entities as needed. Upper Valley Strong has been a successful model of a COAD, born out of Irene, and still in existence to help in any future incidents. Like any organization, a COAD needs a champion to help make it happen, and some form of administrative support. Goodrich hopes that LEPCs will join up with COADs statewide; Krohn wondered that if this were seen useful and important here, whether a COAD could be folded into the existing LEPC structure, so that a separate structure/admin support/meetings would not be needed. Contact information: uppervalleystrong@gmail.com; www.uvstrong.org.

Zach Borst, UVM Emergency Planning and Institutional Continuity Coordinator: Emergency Preparedness and Management

Borst is the University's first full time emergency management coordinator. UVM is essentially a 'city within a city', with 13,000 students and 1200 staff on site during the school year; and with the largest event, commencement, drawing over 20,000 people to campus. He is responsible for all four phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. It involves considerable coordination within campus and with outside allied entities such as Burlington Fire Department. UVM has CATALERT as an emergency notification system, and much effort is put into continuity of operations planning and implementation. They have a primary and backup EOC with a wide array of communications gear, are working on improving coordination with major events, and have mutual aid systems in place with other schools. Contact information: zborst@uvm.edu; emergency@uvm.edu; www.uvm.edu/emergency.

Organizational matters: Al Barber hopes to share the Chair's duties with a Co-Chair. Election of officers was tabled until next month. Aspects of membership, required and optional, were reviewed. Lists and information will be shared; Krohn will coordinate with Len Wallace at EPA. The current email list was reviewed for names that can be culled. Membership, bylaws, etc. will be reviewed next month.

Project updates

Lee Krohn spoke about current, renewed interest in implementing a more regional approach to dispatch services. LEPC finances remain in good shape.

Al Barber stated that SERC may be able to increase LEPC funding to \$6000 for next year. Although these funds come from "Tier II" reporting fees, and Chittenden County hosts a significant % of statewide reporting entities, LEPCs statewide are funded equally across the board, although activity levels and needs vary widely.

Harry Schoppmann reported that the VT Fire Academy received a \$500K grant for a new burn building.

Ron Pentkowski brought copies of the new 2016 Emergency Response Guide for anyone who needs them. He also offered a friendly reminder about municipal LEOPs...several communities have not yet adopted these for 2016. Krohn continues to remind/cajole/assist in getting these done.

Zach Borst informed us of yet more construction to begin shortly at UVM and at the Medical Center.

Noreen Karcher mentioned a new phone app for VT 211.

Kate Hammond let us know about Health Dept. activities: the 'on call' campaign, ramping up for the Vigilant Guard exercise, and MRC activities under a new NACCHO grant.

Dan Lavilette is teaching a Shelter Fundamentals class this Saturday for the Red Cross; also gearing up for VG.

Andy Squires mentioned that Richmond is considering a combined facility for Police/Fire/Rescue.

Bob Henneberger reported that all is well at CERT and RACES.

Mike Collins reports that all is well at Global Foundries, with a newly cleaned Fire Station and all mandatory annual training exercises completed. The new patch on his uniform looks good, too!

Dustin Keelty spoke of a release at the NG Advantage site; fortunately, no harm done.

Other Business/upcoming meeting schedule/adjourn

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 at 0900 hours. With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn, AICP.

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