

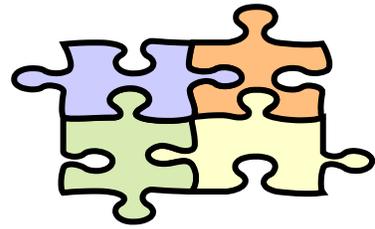
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Meeting Notes, February 9, 2016

Present: Chair Al Barber; Mike Collins, Global Foundries; Noreen Karcher, VT 211; Ben Rose and Josh Cox, DEMHS; Kate Hammond, VT Dept. of Health; Bob Henneberger and Stephen Edwards, CERT/RACES; Randall Gates and Miles Trudell, VT National Guard; Jeff Rogers, UVM; Stephen Cushing and Patrick Mager, St. Michael's College; Richard Pratt, Champlain Water District; Andy Johnson, ENPRO; Ed Green, US Coast Guard; Seth Lasker, Town of Colchester; John Berino, UVM MC; David Attig, VT Gas; also CCRPC senior planner Lee Krohn, AICP.

No changes to the agenda, nor off-agenda public comment.

The meeting notes from January 12, 2016 were accepted by unanimous consent.

John Berino had an unavoidable conflict, and will do his Medical Center vulnerability assessment presentation at a future meeting.

Bruce Martin, Deputy Chief of the Vermont HazMat Response Team, gave a thorough presentation of the team's history, functions, and response capabilities. It was formed 20 years ago to assist local fire departments with hazmat response, and now also includes radiological response and clandestine "meth labs". Team members typically have other full time jobs, and are on call to assist when needed on the roughly 150 calls/year received. Members and response equipment are located around the state, and train one weekend per month on their own and with the Army National Guard Civil Support Team. Training is also offered to local volunteer fire departments. Roughly half of all calls for assistance are transportation-related, and most relate to hydrocarbon spills or incidents (gasoline, propane, kerosene...). Anhydrous ammonia is also a common concern, being used in most large scale refrigeration units, including ice rinks. Funding is primarily via fees collected from "Tier II" hazmat reporting as required by the EPA under EPCRA community right to know laws.

Responses are scaled as needed:

- Level 1: Phone consultation with a local Incident Commander
- Level 2: On scene consultation by a crew chief and available team members
- Level 3: Strike Team dispatched with a crew chief, 5 team members, one hazmat response truck
- Level 4: Full response as needed to handle a more significant incident

Incidents may be reported at 800.641.5005

Updates and Reports: This year's HMEP project, seeking a way to make "Tier II" hazardous materials information more usable for and accessible by first responders, is perking along; also in the application stage is a statewide hazardous materials commodity flow study for which CCRPC would be the lead agent. VNA has focused on personal safety workshops. Keurig Green Mountain is here to learn and participate. The VT Health Department's POD exercise went well, and MRC membership is up 25% in recent months. St. Michael's College will be doing an active shooter exercise with local police. VT 211 is facilitating a new 'help me grow' program to help parents with young children. UVM continues major construction projects. ENPRO continues to grow its business of hazmat cleanup and transport/disposal. Global Foundries fire dept. call volume has decreased significantly. CERT has weekend training, collaborates with the Red Cross, and is facilitating amateur radio training to be able to provide communication when other modes are out of service in major incidents. DEMHS is working on a chemical incident annex to the State Emergency Response Plan.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8 March at 0900 hours. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.