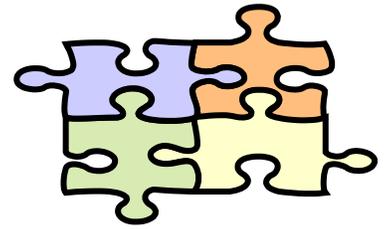


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Meeting Notes, January 12, 2016

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 Ewards, 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.

LTC Randall Gates and MAJ Miles Trudell from the Vermont Army National Guard gave a comprehensive presentation on the skills, training, capabilities, and availability of the 15th Civil Support Team to help respond to a wide array of emergency incidents. The CST can complement and enhance, but not duplicate, civil resources available to respond to incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high explosives ("CBRNE"). They can help identify substances, assess risk or consequences, offer advice on response measures, and assist responders upon appropriate request. The 15th CST is part of a nationwide system, where teams are on constant rotation of training, support, and mutual-aid type regional availability, and where responses are scalable to the nature and extent of an incident.

Josh Cox, critical infrastructure planner for VT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, offered a clear and concise presentation of the state's Critical Infrastructure plan, an annex to the Vermont Emergency Operations Plan. It is focused on state-level resources, not local, and is focused in Vermont as follows: "Critical infrastructure are the assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, so vital to Vermont that their incapacitation would have a debilitating effect on security, economic viability, public health or safety, and any combination thereof." These "lifeline sectors" include transportation, water/wastewater, energy, emergency services, dams, food/agriculture, nuclear, government facilities, defense industrial base, critical manufacturing, commercial facilities, banking and finance, health care/public health, chemical, and IT/communication.

The core process is to identify key resources, determine possible threats, analyze vulnerabilities, model potential consequences, assess risks, and apply protective/resiliency measures. It also includes analysis of interdependencies and possible cascading effects. For example: a breach of the Waterbury Dam would not only cause flooding downstream, but would affect key transportation routes (U.S. 2 and I-89), as well as a wide array of local critical infrastructure. The state CI plan is an important resource for decisionmaking at the SEOC.

Updates and Reports: Krohn continues to pursue this year's HMEP project, seeking a way to make "Tier II" hazardous materials information more usable for and accessible by first responders; also moving forward is a possible hazardous materials commodity flow study for which CCRPC would be the lead agent. Hammond noted the POD (Point of Distribution) exercise that took place on January 11th at St. Michael's, and that the upcoming Vigilant Guard exercise needs volunteers. Gates and Trudell noted ongoing training with Vermont State Police on hazmat/ clandestine labs, participation in security for the Boston Marathon, and activities leading up to Vigilant Guard. Pratt and Karcher felt these past two LEPC meetings were 'outstanding'. Cushing and Mager noted their hosting the POD exercise, and that students return shortly. Rogers also noted the return of students to UVM, and the ongoing major construction and truck traffic. Berino said the Medical Center completed its vulnerability assessment, which will be part of next month's meeting. DERT helped run the POD exercise, which went very smoothly. ENPRO's business is going well and expanding dramatically. Red Cross also helped with the POD exercise. The Coast Guard is involved with port security assessments, and grants up to \$25,000 are available with no local match required. DEMHS noted there will be an online course on EPCRA (community right to know law), and distributed copies of a handbook on Family Emergency Preparedness. VT Gas noted the recent

Public Service Board approval for the rest of their natural gas pipeline project down into Addison County; they have also been doing trainings with local fire departments. Seth Lasker, former Burlington Fire Chief, is now with Colchester Rescue, and is Colchester's EMC. Global Foundries fire dept. continues its internal trainings.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 February at 0900 hours. With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.