Meeting Notes, March 14, 2017

CIVIL AIR PATROL

Happy Pi Day!

Present:  Al Barber, Chair, Hineburg Fire; Kate Hammond, VDH; Mike Collins, Global Foundries; Dustin Keelty, Town of Milton; Josh Cox, DEMHS; Bob Henneberger, CERT/RACES; Steve Cushing, Saint Michael’s College; John Berino, UVM Medical Center; Andy Squires, Richmond Rescue; Lee Krohn, CCRPC.

The meeting was called to order at 0900. There were no changes to the agenda, nor public comment on anything not on the agenda.

Richard Beach of the Civil Air Patrol gave a presentation on their capabilities, resources, and requests for assistance. CAP was founded in 1941, and was active in WW II. Core programs include emergency services (search and rescue, transport...), cadet programs (education, training, leadership...), and aerospace education. They can do aerial GPS linked imagery, emergency airlifts, search and rescue, and communications support.

Resources here include two Cessna 172 aircraft, and one Cessna 182, along with ground based vehicles and a wide array of communications equipment on board and on the ground in a rapid deployment mobile trailer. There are 49 trained air crew and three ground teams. CAP members are all volunteers.

There is no cost if for a federally approved mission. If for a local/regional/state mission, it's $140/hr for flight time; if a ground based mission, then fuel for travel and meals/lodging expenses.

Activation typically comes via USAF Rescue Coordination Center (800.851.3051), or the National Operations Center (888.211.1812 x300).

Questions followed regarding other agencies or means of activation (DEMHS, local or regional assets...); interoperability for communications and other mutual aid needs. LEPC and DEMHS will be following up to explore this further. Keelty noted an incident last year on Savage Island, where CAP assistance could have been very useful, but no one involved in that incident knew of or had suggested it. Berino asked about overall structure and organization of all of the resources potentially involved in emergency management and response, and how all are coordinated together. This could also be a good topic for further inquiry.

The Vermont CAP can be reached at 802.660.8057, or vtwing@vtcap.org.
LEPC other business: the prior meeting minutes, financial report, DEMHS report, and other supporting documents were distributed in advance with the agenda. Hammond, Borst, and Krohn are working on streamlining the bylaws; these will be considered at the annual meeting in June, along with election of officers. Barber invited others to seek office to assist with LEPC affairs.

With no further discussion, the regular meeting was adjourned, and the group was given a tour of the hangar to view the aircraft and learn more about their capabilities. All were advised to be safe in the day’s blizzard to come.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn, AICP.

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