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## Meeting notes – December 11, 2018

Present: Chair Al Barber, Hinesburg Fire; Marshall Distel, Christine Forde, Regina Mahony, CCRPC; Bob Henneberger, Red Cross; Matt Ward, Red Cross; Jack Conry, John Berino, UVM Medical Center; Jeff Rogers, UVM Risk Management; Zach Borst, UVM Emergency Management; David Attig, VT Gas; Joe Duncan, Champlain Water District; Mary Thompson, Town of Milton; Mathew LaRock, Global Foundries; Randy Gates, Miles Trudell, Vermont National Guard; Ed Green, US Coast Guard; Pete Brown, Burlington Fire Department.

Al Barber called the meeting to order at 0905. There were no changes to the agenda, nor public comment on items not on the agenda. Introductions were made.

Al Baber started out by stressing the importance of CPR training after sharing how CPR may have saved the life of a family member who experienced cardiac arrest. Bob Henneberger reminded the group about Red Cross CPR course offerings.

Lieutenant Colonel, Randy Gates and Commander of the 15th Civil Support Team, Major Miles Trudell introduced themselves to the LEPC and gave a presentation focused on the Civil Support Team's perspective and role with regards to the Wake Robin ricin incident.

The Civil Support Team was requested to provide support to the incident once it was determined that a weapon of mass destruction (ricin) was used at Wake Robin. The Civil Support Team programming is designed to provide support in incidents like this. Randy and Miles provided an overview of the Wake Robin Command Structure and the Commander's Assessment of the situation. It was noted that the evidence preservation is the number one focus of the FBI for future prosecution of a suspect, while the focus of the Civil Support Team is to be the first line of defense against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats to the public. Gates mentioned that some towns are very well prepared for these situations, but the Civil Support Team was initially concerned with the coordination between the Town and Wake Robin. The Civil Support Team conferred with the EPA on how to properly dispose of the ricin.

After providing an overview of the incident, Randy and Miles started to provide more detail related to the on-site situation and on-site operation. The Civil Support Team was initialed deployed to Wake Robin on Tuesday 11/28/17 to ID potential ricin contamination/storage, provide a field analysis of the material for presumptive determination, collect samples for the lab and to facilitate a decontamination of the area. On Wednesday, 11/29/17, the Civil Support Team was deployed to the Wake Robin Community Center/Dining Facility with objectives related to minimizing impact to residential life and discussing public health implications with facility staff. Two additional strike teams were deployed on 11/30/17 and 12/14/17 for final decontamination support and assistance with evidence collection.

After the presentation, the LEPC participated in a "true or false" incident command exercise.

Following the Civil Support Team discussion, Jack Conry presented on the UVM Medical Center's Hazard Vulnerability Analysis. This analysis is conducted annually and evaluates three types of categories: natural, human and technical. The categories are scored by the UVMMC emergency management committee for probability, risk and preparedness. New events added for this year include pneumatic tube system events.

The top technical risks include information systems application interdependency, information systems cyber security, cooling system electrical demand (current emergency generators cannot meet the demand) and electrical failure due to the electrical breaker being located below grade.

Top natural event risks include flooding in community, roof flooding from rain bursts and severe winter storms.

Top human event risks include workplace violence, inpatient surge or a mass causality event.

Jack also provided an overview of the asset inventory and resources to determine if UVMMC can self-sustain for 96 hours. Categories related to heating oil, electrical demand, portable oxygen, sewer, water and food were reviewed.

Project updates were shared.

Marshall briefly outlined CCRPC staffing changes.

Al Barber adjourned the meeting at 1045

The next LEPC meeting will be held on January 8 at UVM's Bioresearch Complex located at 667 Spear Street in Burlington.

*Respectfully submitted by Marshall Distel*

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