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Meeting notes – June 11, 2019

Present:

Al Barber - Hinesburg Fire Department
Cheryl Brinkman – State of Vermont Health Department Laboratory
Josh Estey – CSWD and Shelburne Fire
Randall Gates – Vermont National Guard
Kate Hammond – UVM Medical Center
Bob Henneberger – Red Cross and RACES
Brian Hodge, Brian Medor, Jeff Rogers – UVM Environmental Safety & Health
Peter Rowan – Hazelett Corp
Samantha Slaston - VOSHA
Christine Forde, Marshall Distel, Dan Albrecht - CCRPC

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. There were no comments on last month's minutes.

Presentation on The Rover, CSWD's mobile hazardous waste collection unit

Josh Estey presented an overview of CSWD's Rover Hazardous Waste Collection Program. CSWD household customers have two facilities for disposal of hazardous materials – they can bring them to a fixed facility -- the Environmental Depot on Airport Parkway in South Burlington -- or they can bring them to the Rover. Both programs are free to Chittenden County residents. The Rover is a mobile hazardous waste unit that visits each Chittenden County municipality except South Burlington on one Saturday between May and October. The rover started in 1991.

The Rover collects a wide variety of types of materials with large amounts of spray paint and latex paint. High quality latex paint is recycled into new paint under the program Local Color and oil-based paint is sent to a company in Canada for recycling. CSWD also participates in a program that scans waste to identify items that can be reused. These items are sent to a company in Texas. Other materials are consolidated when possible and disposed of through contracts with waste vendors.

CSWD also collects hazardous wastes from businesses that generate 220 pounds or less per month. Businesses that generate more than 220 pounds per month must use a private hauler. There is charge for disposal with CSWD but it is less than private hauler would charge.

CSWD had data suggesting that they are capturing a high percentage of household hazardous waste in Chittenden County.

Data is collected at the depot and the rover including the number of visits and where the participants are coming from. The number of visits to depot has been increasing each year which CSWD prefers because it is safer than the Rover.

CSWD has procedures in place if they receive high hazard materials. They prefer not to accept explosives or other highly hazardous materials, but they also don't want people to drive away with dangerous materials in their cars. There are location specific health and safety plans including information such as locations of eyewashes, showers, personal protective equipment, and emergency procedures. There is also a post work critique of each Rover event.

Discussion of TIER II Lists and Maps to be sent to first responders in each town for review

The group review a memo that will be sent to first responders in Chittenden County asking them to review maps and lists of Tier II facilities in each municipality being prepare by CCPRC and respond with facilities that are missing. Al informed those present at the June Mutual Aid Meeting that this would be coming.

The group discussed what we would do with the responses and decided that they would be sent to Todd Cosgrove from the State Emergency Response Commission for follow up. The state is responsible for compliance with Tier II submission requirements.

Peter Rowan discussed the complexity of filling out the forms and suggested that compliance might increase if assistance were available to facilities.

The group discussed the need to make this information available in a useful format such as data downloadable to mobile apps such as Active911 or lamResponding.

The memo, list, and map will be sent to police, fire, rescue, EMD, and planning staff. It was suggested that a link to a simple Tier II report be included and Todd Cosgrove's contact information.

This is likely part of a multistep process with step 1 being generating the list, and step 2 to find missing responders and identify the biggest threats to communities.

Discussion of Hazchem Grants – SERC recommended award of funds but must be approved by Commissioner of Public Safety

The SERC finance committee recommended that LEPC #1 be awarded \$4,000 for Administrative and Technical Support for LEPC #1, and \$20,590 to Develop a Local Emergency Planning Committee Response Plan for LEPC#1.

Since we have not received official notice of award the group decided to postpone discussion of details regarding these grants until we are certain that we get the funding. The group is interested in hearing from the Rutland LEPC because they prepared a Response plan. Also, Rutland has created a new group that is looking at all hazards and not just Tier II chemicals. Al and Christine will invite someone from Rutland to participate in a future meeting.

Project updates

CCRPC – Local Emergency Management Plans have been received from all Chittenden County municipalities.

UVM – More summer classes are being held than in previous years so more students are on campus. Construction on the Patrick Gym Arena project is starting.

Health Department Laboratory – School lead program has begun, and all schools and childcare centers will be tested. Childcare centers will be tested in summer and schools will be tested during the school year.

National Guard – The National Guard has assisted, and will be assisting, in numerous events including the Boston marathon, UVM commencement, Bernie Sanders rally in Montpelier, Burlington City Marathon, Burlington July 3rd fireworks and Boston July 4th fireworks.

UVM Medical Center – The Miller Building is now occupied. Virtual exercises will be held on hurricane preparedness and assessment of possible Ebola patients.

VOSHA—busy with construction season

Shelburne fire – Shelburne Fire support Shelburne Museum Concerts on the Green and has had challenges with traffic control. They are looking to make changes for next year to reduce backups.

Al Barber adjourned the meeting at 1100.

The next LEPC meeting will be held on July 9th at the CCPRC offices in Winooski.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Forde

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