

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**LEPC 3 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

John Broker-Campbell – SWCRPC  
Bruce Pollock – ARC  
Ed Garrow – Mack Molding

Rob Schell – DEMHS  
John VanWetering – CERT  
Jim Tonkovich – VT 211

**Welcome and Introductions**

6:10, Bruce P. called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

**VT Alert Presentation**

Rob Schell with DEMHS presented on the Vermont Alert system. A copy of the presentation is available on the LEPC 3 website; highlights include:

- Additional information can be found at [www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov).
- Over the past 4 years, VT has been working on disaster notifications; schools currently have a system in place. The Vermont system is modeled on New York Alert and existing linkages due to DLAN. DEMHS wanted the ability to push out messages to the public and support state support functions (local, regional first responders, state and schools). The system needed to be reliable so that people can have trust.
- NY system is used 1.3 million times per month (primarily for road closures).
- VT is billed on cost per use (2-3 cents per use); no cost will be passed down to users at the moment.
- Having been used in NY, many of the kinks and quirks have already been worked out.

**Other Business**

Bruce P. provided a quick update on American Red Cross activities within our Region including:

- ARC provided cots to the new warming shelter in Hartford and they have been in use since their arrival.
- Very busy, primarily with structure fires; 36 calls in the last 31 days.

**CERT Update**

John V.W. provided an update on recent CERT activities, including:

- The new DEMHS Outreach Specialist, Lou Bedor, attended the January CERT meeting to discuss his vision and goals for CERT; John B.C. and CERT leaders will work closely with Lou B. moving forward.
- First Aid and CPR training will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Springfield Police Department.
- Rob M. and Karen B. will be attending the upcoming CERT Leadership Conference in Waterbury and will report back at an upcoming meeting.

**DEMHS Update**

No update provided.

**Financial Report**

Jim T. presented the financial report, a motion was made and seconded to approve the report and check signing; passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014, John B.C. will send out an agenda with additional information the week prior.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:45pm.