

## January 11, 2017 LEPC 3 DRAFT Meeting Minutes SWCRPC Offices

### Attendance

John Van Wetering - CERT

Josh Bixby - CERT

Meghan Thomas – Chester Ambulance

Kristen Binau – ARC

David Muse - ARC

Mark DeRosia – NewsBank

Rich Cogliano – DEMHS

Becky Thomas – VDH

Steve Kemp - CERT

Tim Oliver – VSP

Darrin Spaulding - AVFD

John VanWetering - CERT

David Fuller – EMD Weathersfield

Jack Schonberg – ARC/DART/MRC

Jim Tonkovich – 2-1-1

Allison Hopkins – SWCRPC

Karen Dudley - ARC

### Welcome and Introductions

Jack S. called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, asked for introductions and introduced the presenters.

### ARC Presentation

- David Muse, Disaster Program Manager – VT South
- Kristen Binau, Regional Disaster Officer
- Karen Dudley: longtime volunteer, Kristen's volunteer counterpart; Manages state relationships and SEOC team
  - Mission
    - Reminder that ARC completely non-profit; common misconception that ARC is a government agency
  - The Disaster Cycle
    - Overview of the whole cycle
  - Preparedness
    - Two major programs:
      - Home Fire Campaign
      - Pillowcase Project
  - Response
    - 5 Main Priorities:
      - Disaster Assessment
      - Sheltering
      - Feeding
      - Align with Gov't Partners
      - Work with Public
  - LDSI
    - Roughly 20 pre-trained and identified locations throughout Vermont
    - Recent FAQ sent to towns
    - Pass along questions as they come in
  - Tour of ERV

### November Minutes

- Allison H provided copies of the November meeting minutes and Jack S. asked for a motion to approve. Jim T motioned to approve as written, Mark D seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- No report available. Jim T gave an overview of the grant and how funds are used. Allison H reported minimal or no staff hours for December and no invoices.

#### **CERT Update**

- John VW gave an overview of the recent CERT activities: 1 emergency activation for Weathersfield fire on Thanksgiving weekend; Tree lighting and Christmas fair events both in Springfield.

#### **2-1-1 Update**

- Jim T gave reports that all 4 cold weather shelters are open and have been filled, or nearly filled, to the maximum most nights. Volunteers need to man the shelters. Noticeable increase in the sheer number of people seeking shelter who do not have otherwise permanent shelter.

#### **DEMHS Update**

- Rich C gave report. Rich is in the new Regional Coordinator position which covers LEPC.s 2, 3, 6, 7, and 12. Emily H covers NE region and 3<sup>rd</sup> position still open. Director Herrick promoted and Chief of Staff Erica Borneman promoted to Director. Rich gave an overview of what the Regional Coordinator position will work on; examples include: work with communities, EOP's, training, exercise, VT Alert, ICS, outreach, Disaster Response, and general assistance. Upcoming Advance PIO prerequisite classes: 1/25-1/27.

#### **DART Update**

- Agency of AG released trailer now VDART has 2 CAMET trailers. LEPC 5/Washington County may put together a team. 4 chartered teams within the state.

#### **VDH Update**

- Becky T discussed the vacant position and qualifications. Commissioner Dr. Chen to stay on until March when new Commissioner Dr. Levine starts.

#### **Next Meeting**

March 8, 2017 – Location and topic TBD.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.