

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**LEPC 3 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance**

John Broker-Campbell – SWCRPC

Todd Sears – DEMHS

Tim Oliver – VSP

Jim Tonkovich – VT 211

Bruce Pollock – American Red Cross

John VanWetering – CERT

Michelle Harrington – VDH

Becky Thomas – VDH

Jack Schonberg – ARC / DART

Mark DeRosia - Newsbank

**Welcome and Introductions**

6:05, Chair Bruce P. called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

**Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of 8.13.14; passed unanimously.

**Overview of Newsbank**

- Mark D. provided a brief history of Newsbank:
  - Currently work with over 8000 publishers to archive products and sell material to colleges, universities, etc.
  - Founder of Newsbank invented Microprint and over time, the organization has progress through technologies (microprint, microfilm, floppy disc, cd rom, digital).
  - Currently Newsbank has over 135 employees in Chester with over 200 nationwide
  - Hazardous chemicals involved in the process include:
    - Anhydrous Ammonia
    - Refrigerants
    - Petroleum Products
    - Suppression System
    - Wet Acid Batteries
  - Following the discussion, Mark D. led the group on a tour of the facility.

**Recap of CAT2 Exercise**

- Todd S. provided the group with a summary report, specific to LEPC 3 members, on the activities and outcomes of the Vermont Catastrophic Exercise 2 held in early June, 2014.

**Other Business**

- Bruce P. gave a brief update on the current happenings within the American Red Cross
  - West River Radio Club is hosting a HAM radio operator class in October, please contact Bruce P. for more information.
  - Glenn Herrin will be hosting a radiological training in Brattleboro on 9/23
  - The FEMA graded Vermont Yankee exercise will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bellows Falls Reception Center
  - American Red Cross National Headquarters has determined that combining service regions is the best course forward and will be combining the Vermont

and NH Upper Valley Chapter with the NH Red Cross. All staffing changes and plans should be completed by 10/31.

- Todd S. provided additional input on the decision for DEMHS to stay with DisasterLAN and asked for input on what members would like to see in future trainings.
- John V.W. provided a brief CERT update; upcoming events include the Springfield Apple Fest and the Bellows Falls Fire Parade.
- Jack S. mentioned that Brattleboro and Chittenden County are making progress with developing DART groups.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:25pm.