

Meeting Minutes

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) District VII
Bennington County, Vermont

June 23, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Bennington Project Independence
614 Harwood Hill Rd.
Bennington, VT 05201

Attendees	
Name	Affiliation
Allison Strohl	BCRC
Bill Levine	Stamford EMD
Dan Zimmer	LEPC Vice Chair/Benn. Co. Mutual Aid
Emily Harris	DEMHS
Erin Ingebretsen	Sandgate EMD
Jamie Wright	VT State Police
Keith Squires	LEPC Chair/Arlington EMD
Michael Hall	Manchester Police
Robin Greene	Interfaith
Sheila Lawrence	Stamford
Steven Schlosser	VT Department of Health

Introductions: The meeting began at 6:00pm with sign-ins, agenda, and dinner. Keith Squires started introductions at 6:15pm.

Meeting Minutes: Keith asked if there were any edits needed or comments about the 3/2/16 meeting minutes. There were no comments or edits. Dan Zimmer made a motion and Bill Levine seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Keith went over the bank statement. The LEPC 7 statement (dated 5/23/16) says there is \$14,642.43 in the account. The HMEP grant check was deposited today in the amount of \$1,928.02. The BCRC submitted a bill in the amount of \$1,928.02 for the HMEP grant work completed. So the amount in the bank will remain at \$14,642.43. A motion was made to pay the BCRC by Bill Levine and seconded by Robin Greene. All were in favor.

Keith then asked for a motion to pay the BPI bill of \$110 for the room and food for this evenings meeting. Robin Greene made a motion and Dan Zimmer seconded. All were in favor.

Presentation – Vermont School Crisis Planning Team: Emily Harris began her presentation on the School Crisis Guide. She talked about many updates the Vermont School

Crisis Planning Team made to the plan to make it more consistent. She also talked about new aspects to the plan, including appropriate steps schools should take in a crisis.

Some information for school active shooter preparedness:

- Run Hid Fight video online (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4IJA5Zpzz4>)
- I Love You Guys Foundation (<http://iloveuquys.org/>)
- Course number IS-907 by FEMA, which has a test at the end (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907>)
- ALICE is web based training but costs money (<http://www.alicetraining.com>)
- Alerrt is put on by law enforcement (<http://alerrt.org/ofcm/CourseTypes/catalog/80>)

The School Crisis planning Team is working on developing a school safety training and awareness calendar, where there will be one thing each month that the school should focus on, training wise.

Keith Squires asked if there is a list of schools that already have plans. Emily said there is a survey going out soon but the information is not available yet. But should be available this fall.

Bill Levine asked if the two-page threat assessment was sent out to schools. Emily said it did go out, and many schools went to a training last December and the team is working on getting a threat assessment course in southern Vermont.

Emily will forward Allison Strohl information that was discussed, so she can send it out to the LEPC 7.

All school crisis guides can be found at: demhs.vermont.gov/programs/school

Information on school crisis planning is available to all public and independent schools.

If a school has nothing (plan wise) they should start by filling in the school crisis guide and tailor it to their school.

Contact Rob Evans, the Vermont School Safety Liaison, if a school needs a visit and some one-on-one help. (revans@margolishealy.com)

Presentation – EPCRA Guidebook: Dan Zimmer discussed updates to the Emergency Response Guidebook. It can be download online now.

Changes:

- Instructions are in a flow chart.
- Can put in phone numbers and local information.
- Global harmonization is in the current guidebook.

There are changes on p.13 and p.296

Chemicals are organized in a similar way to the last guidebook.

Hazmat Information:

Vermont HAZMAT Hotline- 1-800-641-5005

OSHA required training – three levels: awareness, ops, and technician. Fire fighters are trained up to ops.

Cold zone=no potential to get hurt, this is where responders should be

Warm zone=some exposure

VT Fire Academy tasked to train awareness and ops courses.

Keith said that the awareness course is something the LEPC 7 can get involved in and to help push it to the agencies.

DEMHS Report: Emily Harris reported that the statewide exercise Vigilant Guard is happening July 25th – August 2nd. October 13 will be the after action review.

There will be a tabletop exercise held in September at the Bennington Rescue Squad.

The new 2016 Emergency Response Guidebooks are out. If you need one, contact Allison Strohl.

Five LEOPs are still missing:

- Bennington
- Manchester
- Pownal
- Rupert
- Shaftsbury

The Emergency Preparedness Conference will be held on November 4 and 5 at Lake Morey in Fairlee. (<http://demhs.vermont.gov/conference>)

ICS 200 will be held in Bennington on August 4 & 5, 8am-4pm.

ICS 300 will be held in Bennington on December 6, 7, and 8 from 8am-4:30pm.

Developing School Emergency Operations Plans courses will be held in Randolph:

- Train-the-Trainer: Monday August 8, 9am-5pm
<http://www.remstacenter.org/TBR/TrainingRegistration.aspx?trainingsid=225>
- Train-the-Educator: Tuesday August 9, 8:30am-12:30pm
<http://www.remstacenter.org/TBR/TrainingRegistration.aspx?trainingsid=226>

Agency Reports:

VDH: Steve Schlosser reported that there will be another PFOA blood draw on June 24. They are expecting 58 people. The last one for this cycle will be Tuesday, June 28, with over 80 people. Then more PFOA blood clinics will be held in the fall. Results will come back in 3-4 months. People should take the results to their doctors and make sure it is on record. There is a questionnaire people need to fill out before they get their results and that goes to Burlington where the questionnaires will be collected.

Keith asked if people with high levels of PFOA could still donate blood, Steve wasn't sure.

The VDH is participating in Vigilant Guard on July 28 to practice handing out medications at a POD site.

Stamford: Bill Levine reported that the Red Cross Disaster Recovery Team called Stamford asking them about forming a Disaster Action Team.

Keith asked if the LEPC 7 could hold shelter training at one of the meetings. Allison will ask the Red Cross Representative, David Muse, and gave out his contact information (david.muse@redcross.org).

Manchester PD: Michael Hall reported that they are monitoring the Rainbow Gathering at Mount Tabor. The gatherings typically have 10,000-20,000 people attending. They have about 1,000 people at the moment. The big event is July 1-July 7, and then on July 8 will be a mass exit. Unfortunately it has attracted extra people that have been causing problems over the years. Otherwise, it's a very organized group. Law enforcement is pretty light as there are not enough officers to handle a large influx of people. The US Forest service is posting daily updates. Manchester PD is following the lead of the US Forest Service, which is in charge.

Bennington County Mutual Aid: Dan Zimmer reported that there is a slow down of services out of the fire academy. They have limited outreach services because of the few people there. There are currently three positions available. The Vermont Public Service Department has coordinated with the Division of Fire Safety to train 20 fire instructors for a 4-hour program on how to deal with solar systems.

Robin asked what the problem with the solar systems was. Dan said there is a potential hazard with the power and electrical components.

Sandgate: Erin Ingebretsen reported that the Sandgate Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted last month.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting: TBD