

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

### FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, & BUSINESSES

- Emergency preparedness information
- Emergency planning resources
- Disaster recovery assistance

### FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

- Grant and funding assistance
- NIMS and other emergency-related training
- Compliance guides
- Homeland Security, FEMA, VTDHS, VEM news, updates, reports

### FOR TOWNS

- Emergency Operation Plan guidance
- NIMS Training for personnel
- Assistance for Emergency Managers
- Recovery assistance
- Preparedness information
- Haz-Mat compliance assistance

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Make A Plan
- Make A Kit
- Be Informed
- Get to know your neighbors
- Volunteer (Fire/Rescue/Red Cross/CERT)
- Attend an ACEPC meeting
- Learn what your town's Emergency Planning Committee is doing
- Get involved!

## LEARN MORE...

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee  
[www.aclepc.org](http://www.aclepc.org)

Vermont Emergency Management  
[www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/](http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/)

VEM—Hazardous Materials Compliance  
[www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/index\\_hazmat.htm](http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vem/index_hazmat.htm)

FEMA/Citizen Corps Emergency Preparedness  
[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

Interactive On-line Business Emergency Planner  
[www.ibhs.org/business\\_protection/](http://www.ibhs.org/business_protection/)

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ACEPC meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month, 5:00<sup>PM</sup> at the Public Safety Building (the Vermont State Police barracks) on Route 7 in New Haven.

Meetings may change locale occasionally. Call 388-3141 for more information or to confirm the details of the next meeting.



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## ADDISON COUNTY EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### LEPC DISTRICT 8



### *Serving:*

Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall,  
Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln,  
Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven,  
Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury,  
Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes,  
Waltham, Weybridge, Whiting

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## WHAT IS THE ACEPC?

Vermont has 13 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) districts that operate under the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee (ACEPC), LEPC #8, covers 21 member towns in Addison County, Vermont.

While the LEPCs' statutory responsibilities were initially limited to hazardous materials, ACEPC has focused on an All-Hazards approach to its duties, ensuring that planning and exercises deal with a variety of emergencies. ACEPC has always understood that, since most disasters include some sort of hazardous materials, our local emergency planning is best done from a global perspective.

ACEPC encourages representation from a broad spectrum of area groups and individuals. Any interested person or organization is welcome. Members and participants include County fire departments; emergency medical services; local, County, and State law enforcement; media; Addison County Regional Planning Commission; Porter Medical Center; local businesses; Vermont Department of Health, District Office; animal health & welfare professionals; CERT; town government, emergency management personnel; and other public-safety organizations.

### Primary responsibilities of the ACEPC:

- Disaster planning and mitigation
- Development of training and education programs
- Haz-Mat Identification, Tracking, Reporting

## FROM HAZ-MAT TO ALL-HAZARDS

Originally, Local Emergency Planning Committees were to be responsible for

the reporting of hazardous chemicals within their communities, and to assist communities with the development of response plans to deal with chemical emergencies. LEPCs operate under authority of Vermont law (Title 20 V.S.A., §32), and Federal laws (*Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act* (EPCRA) §§ 301-30; 40 CFR Part 355, and the *Superfund Amendment and Re-Authorization Act* (SARA), Title III).

In 2006 the Vermont Legislature amended Title 20 to, among other things, reflect the changed emphasis to "all hazards:"

*Sec. 3. 20 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:*

§2. DEFINITIONS

*As used in this chapter:*

(1) "All-hazards" means any natural disaster, health or disease-related emergency, accident, civil insurrection, use of weapons of mass destruction, terrorist or criminal incident, radiological incident, significant event, and designated special event, any of which may occur individually, simultaneously, or in combination and which poses a threat or may pose a threat, as determined by the commissioner or designee, to property or public safety in Vermont.

## FROM CIVIL DEFENSE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Today's concept of Emergency Management has followed a circuitous route from its infancy during the World War II era. In 1941 the Office of Civilian

Defense was established to oversee and assist communities with the task of planning for the coming dangers of WWII. After Pearl Harbor, communities throughout the nation organized themselves into thousands of local Civil Defense chapters. Between 1941 and 1979 Civil Defense underwent at least 15 major changes, culminating in the establishment, in 1979, of FEMA.

While Civil Defense served us well for many years, continuing to evolve and expand its scope through the Cold War period and beyond, the emphasis today has shifted to preparedness and mitigation of natural and man-made disasters rather than the war-related efforts of the past.

Today, FEMA replaces Civil Defense at the Federal level. At the State level we have Vermont Emergency Management (VEM). VEM created the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) to oversee the 13 LEPCs. At the community level are our town Emergency Management Committees.

Today's Emergency Managers remain flexible, adapting to societal and technological changes in order to successfully meet evolving challenges.

ACEPC is here to help managers, businesses, and individuals create plans to mitigate potential threats to lives and property from all hazards..