

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee MINUTES

VSP Barracks, New Haven • January 25, 2017 • 5pm

Presentation:

“WISER” (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders)—Dennis Pelletier, Emergency Preparedness, VDH, Addison/Rutland Counties.

WISER is both a downloadable cellphone app and a website. Both offer responders access to hazardous materials and medical information, and are provided/maintained by US National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. “WISER”’s basic use is for hazardous materials incidents. As such it provides links to the ERG, CHEMM, ToxNet, and other related sites. Chemicals can be looked up by name, with information on protective distance, related hazards, PPE, how to deal with the situation, and so on are provided for each chemical. For EMS, the link to CHEMM allows input of symptoms/signs and the database can identify what the underlying cause might be, and how to treat. The app (<https://wiser.nlm.nih.gov/>) can be used when internet access is lacking, the website (<https://webwiser.nlm.nih.gov/>) is very useful in, for example, an EOC. It can be brought up on-screen for a larger display, with other windows such as a googlemap of the incident area. Dennis said he has used it several times and found it extremely useful.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:

Called to order at 5:15pm

1. Introductions

2. **Nov/Dec (12/14/16) Minutes-** Motion to approve as printed by Erik E, Seconded by Tom H
Motion passed

3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s reports from December were presented. Balance to-date: \$4,694.63. The \$250.00 authorized 12/14 for TIER II Workshop advertising, was not used.
Motion to approve Report made by Tom H, Seconded by Erik E. *Motion passed.*

• **Expenditures/Bills/Reimbursements—Motion by Beth, Seconded by Tim, to reimburse Matt Fraley \$53.78** for the meeting’s refreshments. *Motion passed.*

4. **TIER II Workshop**—Tim reported the workshop as a very successful one. The venue had to be relocated to the American Legion as the number of attendees far surpassed what was expected and proved too large for the College’s room in the old library building. The attendees numbered about 120, with representatives from 75 to 80 businesses and organizations, and schools. Presenter Len Wallace covered numerous topics focusing on how chemicals react and how to handle the reactions. Items to note: plywood/particleboard contain 4% formaldehyde, thus may require reporting by lumber yards; most items packaged for consumer resale do not require reporting unless containing EHS; propane, kerosene, diesel, gasoline all must be reported if at/above 10,000 lb, other chemicals (including batteries) if at 100 lbs or more. Also, a question regarding who pays for costs of medical intervention? Chemical’s “owner”? Hospital/EMS? LEPC? Tim will check on some of these to be certain of those that must be reported, and who pays for what

- Many have asked if reports can be submitted electronically. Yes, but should be sent via email as a PDF, *not* in the native TRS format

5. DEMHS Report —[Ron] There has been some reshuffling among staff at DEMHS, with Erika Borneman becoming the new Director.

6. Other Business –

- Ric Wheeler, CSAC—The trauma training workshop originally scheduled for today (1/25) has been postponed to February 8th, 8:30–3:30, due to the weather. The Critical Incident Mental Trauma Team is up and running, the workshop is their first training. EMS personnel and others with an interest in the training are welcome. The training is free, space is limited. Please RSVP asap. See below under upcoming events.
- Tim noted that there is a new Stat Learning Management System which we will be hearing more about. It is an online database where one can learn of upcoming trainings, track own progress and certificates, sign up for new courses, etc. The system will open with information from January 1 forward, those with trainings prior to the first of the year will need to manually enter info from those previous trainings.
- There are three spring flood briefings scheduled, though none in this area this year. See schedule.
- Tim is planning an ICS 402 for new selectboard members and others., to be held at the RPC on March 11, 9–Noon.
- Beth displayed the updated 2-1-1 Care Form. The form is to be completed and returned to the local United Way. The info will be entered into the 9-1-1 database (forms then destroyed) and be made available only to responders via the 911 dispatchers. Folks will be contacted annually to update their information

7. Adjourn: Tom S MOVED, ErikE seconded, to adjourn. *Motion passed.* Time: 5:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

- **CSAC Mental Trauma Training**—CSAC, Catamount Court; 2/8, 8:30–3:30; Space limited, please RSVP: Ric Wheeler 388-0302 x483/rwheeler@csac-vt.org
- **Next LEPC meeting**—2/22—VSP, 5:00pm
- **Regional Spring Flood Briefings**—10:00am–12:00pm
 - SEOC, 45 State Dr., Waterbury—2/21; ranker@cvregion.com
 - 171 Bridge St, Hartford//White River Jct—2/23; kgeiger@trorc.org
 - 340 Rec Park Rd, Manchester—2/28; mbatcher@brcv.org
 - 36 Eastern Ave #1, St Johnsbury—3/1; bmelendy@nvda.net
- **IS 402**—ACRPC, Seymour St, Middlebury; 3/11, 9:00–12:00

For DEMHS/FEMA trainings, see: <http://demhs.vermont.gov/calendar/>

Attendees:

Ron Pentkowski—DEMHS

Erik Eriksen, Vice-Chair—Ripton EMD/Fire

Tom Scanlon, Treasurer—Salisbury EMD

Bob Arnebold—Orwell EMD

Jeff Donowski—VSP New Haven

Matt Fraley, Chair—Vergennes Fire

Robin Conway, Secretary—Shoreham EMD

Ric Wheeler—CSAC

Mike Manley—VSP

Tom Hanley—Middlebury EMD

Mike Leyden—Porter Medical Ctr.

Ray Lalumiere—Leicester EMD

Sue Arnebold—Orwell Assist. Clerk

Troy Fox—Agrimark/Cabot

Tim Bouton—ACRPC

Dennis Pelletier—VDH-EP

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