

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee

MINUTES

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

Presentation

TIER II—Todd Cosgrove, Division of Fire Safety, Community Right-to-Know Program. The presentation began with some background on EPCRA and hazardous materials. The TEIR II reporting regarding the hazardous materials stored locally is of critical importance in keeping communities apprised of potential risks and hazards posed within their areas. Reporting is required based on the amount of listed chemicals that a business (or town) has on-site. The majority of liquids are listed as “pounds” rather than gallons which is often confusing. Also confusing is how the amount is figured, and exactly what constitutes a reportable hazardous material. Reportables include: refrigerants; batteries (carts, cars, trucks, tractors, etc.—12V and up); gasoline/diesel/kerosene (10,000lbs/1,500 gallons—figured by the maximum capacity of the storage tank, not the amount stored); 100 lbs of all other chemicals (including motor oils, transmission fluids, 275gallons); road salt (10,000lbs); initiating explosives (caps, fuses, etc—100lbs); even certain “dusts” (e.g. cabinetry shops, planing/finishing mills, etc—100 lbs). The list is extensive and includes a number of chemicals not ordinarily thought of as hazardous, as well as some that are classed as extremely hazardous. Towns must report but pay no fees, most farms report to the Dept. of Agriculture. Retailers do not report items packaged for consumers (typically small amounts) but when in larger amounts such as a 55 gallon barrel, the same item is reportable. Penalties in Vermont are \$1,000/day, but federal penalties are \$3,100/day. With the expenses of failing to report or possibly under-reporting, and the complexity of sorting out exactly what is reportable and in what form, it behooves business and towns to do their homework.

For more information, visit <http://vem.vermont.gov/programs/epcra>, or contact Todd directly :

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:

Called to order at 5:50pm

1. Introductions

2. **September, 2017 Minutes**—Motion to approve as printed by Bob, Seconded by Tom S.
Motion passed

3. **Treasurer’s Report**— Current balance: \$399.06. Motion to approve Report made by Bob,
Seconded by Sue Ann. *Motion passed.*

- **Expenditures/Bills/Reimbursements**—**Motion by Bob, Seconded by Robin, to reimburse Matt Fraley** for the meeting’s refreshment (\$67.07). *Motion passed.*

4. DEMHS Report —[Max] VEM is working on a new version of the LEOP. Max noted that there is also new training in the works, to be introduced in 2018 and made mandatory in 2019.

5. Other–

- The November and December meetings will again be combined and moved to December 13 this year.
- Elections are coming up in March (just four meeting from now) and new officers will be needed, especially a new Secretary as Robin is stepping down from that position.

6. Adjourn: Tom S MOVED, Beth SECONDED, to adjourn. *Motion passed.* Time: 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

- **ACEPC Combined Winter Meeting**—Dec.13

Fo EMHS/FEMA trainings & sign-up, see: <https://vermont.csod.com>

All DEMHS trainings require registration. If minimum attendee numbers are not met, course will be cancelled.

Attendees:

Max Kennedy—VEM	Bob Groff—Panton EMD
Mike Leyden—Porter Medical Ctr.	Tom Scanlon, Treasurer—Salisbury EMD
Bob Arnebold—Orwell EMD	Sue Arnebold—Orwell Assist. Clerk
Aron _____—VSP New Haven	Nathan Hill—UTC/EHS Analyst
Matt Fraley, Chair—Vergennes Fire	Tim Bouton—ACRPC
Robin Conway, Secretary—Shoreham EMD	Dennis Pelletier—VDH-EP
Todd Cosgrove—Div of Fire Safety/TIER II Compliance	Beth Diamond—211