

Accepted: October 29, 2008

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee, District 8
September 24, 2008 • 5:00–6:40pm
VSP/Public Safety Building • New Haven, VT

Meeting called to order by Beth

1. Introductions

2. Secretary's Report—[Robin] Charlie H. MOVED, Tom H. SECONDED, to accept the Minutes of 7/30/08 as presented. *Motion passed.*

3. Treasurer's Report—[Kate] Balance @ September 24 is \$7,478.63. Balance includes state allocations for '07 (received in July) and for '08 (also received in July). Two items to be approved: the quarterly notice in the Independent and food for today for a total of \$81. It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the report be accepted and that all currently received legal bills be paid. *Motion passed.*

4. '09 Budget—Tabled. Committee of Kate, Tom, Bruce, Pip, and Annie will meet to work out a budget for '09.

5. Fire Corps: [Christine] VEM would like to form an alliance with LEPCs and Fire Departments to set up Fire Corps programs to provide non-emergent support services to local fire/emergency response situations. Services would be things such as clerical support, food, administrative staffing, grant-writing, fund-raising, and other similar volunteer activities. Program is aimed at citizens who would like to help, but are not interested in (or have sufficient time for) formal emergency training. Program provides a way to track and allocate local volunteers and skills that can be called upon in a time of need. The program is much like the “Ladies Auxiliary” type of group. In fact, any existing auxiliaries could receive funding under the Fire Corps program. Unlike CERT which focuses more on on-the-ground and hands-on activities, Fire Corp volunteers are more “paper-work” oriented. Both groups can be used effectively at the same time with minimal overlap.

Each town would set up its own Fire Corps, with the first one likely to be in Bristol. Joel Bouvier and Brett LaRock, Bristol FD, will be developing a program request to submit to ACEPC which will act as the conduit for new Fire Corps groups.

6. PACT Fuel Program: [Beth] People for Addison County Together (PACT) is an incubator for local service programs and has been instrumental in the development of several successful local area initiatives (e.g. a dental program , migrant workers programs). They recently held a workshop/forum focusing on the upcoming anticipated fuel shortage and ways to deal with it. From the workshop, comes the notion that EMDs need to prepare for the possibility that there may be a need for long-term sheltering for those displaced by fuel emergencies. To that end, and for assistance with fuel issue in general, the Addison County Food and Fuel Coalition is being formed.

7. Other: *contact Tim if more info needed*

- Another round of **generator funding** is coming up, watch for notices
- Peter Coffey has sent 'round an email indicating an upcoming training opportunity for POD implementation. **VEM and VHS are developing a tabletop exercise and drill**, with the tabletops scheduled for January and the drills in May. Training is in phases. 3 2-hour sessions for the tabletops and 3 2-hour sessions for the drills. Anyone interested in attending the training sessions should get in touch with Tim. *Training sessions attendees may not participate in the actual exercises and drills.*
- LEMD Training—Public Safety Building/VSP, New Haven; October 7, 6–9 PM; call 800 347-0488 to register
- CERT— Basic-level training October 18 & 19, 8–5; contact Annie Wales anniewales@gmavt.net
- ACRPC Publicity Comm.—Next meeting Oct. 21, VDH on Exchange Street, 10:00 AM

- Emergency Planning Conference—November 6, 8:30, all day; Fairlee
- “Preparing to Survive a Bio-Disaster”—November 12, 10:30–2:30; refreshments provided; American Legion, Exchange Street, Middlebury Register by calling 802-656-2070 or e-mailing Bonnie.Tucker@uvm.edu *(NOTE CHANGE: originally scheduled for the 13th at 5:30)
- **Meetings**—The next meetings are scheduled for **October 29, November 19, December 10** and **January 21**. After that we’ll be back on the usual last-Wednesday schedule. All upcoming meetings until May are at the Public Safety Building.
- **Next meeting: Oct. 29**, 5:00pm, Public Safety Building (VSP), New Haven
Speaker: Julie Smith, UVM—Bio-Disaster Preparedness for the Ag Community

Meeting adjourned—Charlie MOVED, Tom H SECONDED, that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed.* 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Secretary

Notifications received post-meeting:

October 16—Workshop: “Winter Preparedness and Shelter Operations” Arlington Fire Dept. Contact Lissa Stark at the BCRC at 442-0438 or lstark@bcrcvt.org for more information and to register. Dinner will be served. Please RSVP no later than October **10th**.



ATTENDEES: Tim Bouton—ACEPC Coordinator; ACRPC; New Haven Fire
Charlie Huizenga—Monkton FD
Pip Wales—Weybridge EM; CERT; ARES
Annie Wales—Weybridge EM; CERT
Sue Ann Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk
Bob Arnebold—Orwell EM, Fire
Kate Gieges—ACEPC Treasurer; Cornwall EM
Cpt. Don Patch—VSP, Public Safety Coordinator for District 8
Brett LaRock—Bristol, Assistant Fire Chief
Joel Bouvier—Bristol FD
Robin Conway—ACEPC Secretary, Shoreham EMC, CERT, ARES, RACES
Tom Hanley—Middlebury Police chief, EMD
Beth Diamond—VT 211, ACEPC Vice-chair
Dave Heisler—New haven FD, Assistant EMD
Lt. Bruce Melendy—VSP Commander, Middlebury
Christine Brown—VEM, LEPC Program Coordinator

HANDOUTS: Agenda/Treasurer’s Report
Minutes: July 30, 2008
Budget worksheet for '09
Fire Corp Info
“Neighbor to Neighbor” sample food & fuel contact flyer
Vt Emergency Preparedness Conference brochure
Notice of LEMD Training
Bio-Disaster Workshop. brochure