

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee  
Minutes – September 30, 2015, 5pm

**Presentation:**

Justin of FirstNet gave a brief informative presentation on FirstNet, explaining the system and the Federal mandate to create a responder-only broadband network. The network will be similar to a cell service that can reach tablets on-scene to ensure additional information is available. A phone will need a simcard for the new network and a user will then have access to the secure responder-only network. Members expressed concern that areas which have no cell service currently will still have no service once the system is built out.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:**

1. Call to Order
2. August Minutes: Erik made corrections to the minutes which were then accepted with corrections.
3. Treasurer's Report: treasurer's report was accepted as written
  - Reimbursements: ( Tim for food, USPS for our mailbox, Website and domain name so Robin can renew) Motion was made by Erik to pay all bills seconded by Tom S. Motion passed
4. Attendees were reminded that they should consider going to the EM conference in Jay October 19, 20, 21. The LEPC will pay one night's lodging and mileage for members and any local EMD who would like to attend. Those attending are requested to report on their classes to share with the group at the next meeting.
5. Tim is requesting suggestions for future speakers. He has ANR lined up to speak about the new emergency protective measures for work in streams and will try to get a speaker from DPS on cyber security. Members are asked to forward suggestions along to Tim or Matt.
6. The LEPC HazMat plan has not been revamped for a few years and needs a close look by the members. Tim is asking for volunteers to work on the plan. Basically, as it sits, the plan is a compilation of all the LEOPs in the region, their Tier II facilities and the Local Support Function for HazMat showing available resources. Tim would like the plan to have a solid introduction and explanation of how to use the plan.
7. The members were given copies of proposed bylaw changes and an official warning of the vote at the October meeting. Melody asked whether the bylaws should indicate length of service for each officer. After some discussion, it was generally felt that elections every two years basically identify that terms are for two years as well. No changes to the bylaws from that discussion were requested.
8. DEMHS Report: Josh reported that the new DEMHS director is Chris Herrick and that John Angell of the VY team passed away unexpectedly. Details of any service are not known at this time. He also encouraged everyone to attend the EM conference.
9. Other business:
  - The Middlebury shelter will not exist as of next spring when the old municipal building is torn down. Since the new Gym will not have hard wired C/O detectors, it will not be useable as a shelter. Josh was asked if he could follow up on the subject since that would put most of our shelters out of business. Tom will still have the police station public room available but it will only house 20.
  - Training notifications are not going out as widely as Matt and Tim had thought. They are expected to pass along any notices from the LEPC chair e-mail list. Will do.
  - Tim asked if anyone was interested in a basic PIO class for here in Addison County. Members thought it would be a good thing. Tim will ask Kimmie.

- Jeff Payne announced that Porter will be playing in the Vigilant Guard exercise. Members may be asked to assist as patients or otherwise when the time comes.
10. Motion to adjourn 6:02 by Tom and Tom.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Annual Tier II submissions public review: 10/22, 5pm ACRPC
- HSEEP Advanced Controller: 10/7-9 Newport
- Emergency services conference: 10/19, 20, 21 Newport
- Next LEPC meeting: 10/30, VSP New Haven
- Basic PIO 11/12, SEOC, Waterbury
- Basic PIO 12/11, Chittenden County RPC, Winooski

For additional course offerings, see: [vem.vermont.gov/event](http://vem.vermont.gov/event)

#### Attendees:

Tom Scanlon – Salisbury EMD  
Bob Arnebold – Orwell EMD  
Erik Eriksen – Ripton EMD and Fire  
Kate Gieges – Cornwall EMD  
Tom Hanley – Middlebury EMD and Police  
Matt Fraley – Vergennes Fire and UTAS  
Justin Barton – FirstNet

Jeff Payne – Porter Medical Ctr  
Sue Ann Arnebold – Clerk Orwell  
Eric Forand – Bristol EM planner  
Scott Anderson – Agrimark Cabot  
Josh Cox – DEMHS  
Tim Bouton – ACRPC  
Melody Perkins – Midd. College