

Accepted: December 10, 2008

Addison County Emergency Planning Committee, District 8
November 19, 2008 • 5:00–6:20 pm
VSP/Public Safety Building • New Haven, VT

Meeting called to order by Matt

- 1. Introductions** —Guest presenter is Scott Whittier, National Weather Service.
- 2. Presentation: “NWS—All-Hazards Warning/Alert Systems”**—[Scott] The National Weather Service, in collaboration with DHS, is developing a new warning/alert system called “Haz-Collect.” The system has nation-wide capability and will provide Emergency services officials with full distribution of any critical emergency message, not just weather-related messages/alerts. Currently, Emergency Officials desiring messages put out over the NOAA radio system must remember to request that service, specifically, when calling VEM to activate the State’s EAS system. EAS and Haz-Collect will eventually work together as a unit, so that requesting activation of one will automatically activate the other. NOAA radio is refining the notification system (S.A.M.E.) so that messages can be targeted to smaller areas and specific communities, thus avoiding some of the problems experienced now when alerts are broadcast to larger areas that may not be involved. The Haz-Collect system is in test mode and may be deployed as soon as early 2009.
- 3. Secretary’s Report**—[Robin] Bob. MOVED, Erik SECONDED, to accept the Minutes of 10/29/08. *Motion passed.*
- 4. Treasurer’s Report**—[Kate] Balance @ November 19 is \$7,309.13. Charlie MOVED and Sue Ann SECONDED, that the report be accepted. *Motion passed.* Charlie MOVED, Erik SECONDED to pay current expenses. *Motion passed.* Kate noted that ACEPC members who attended the VEM Emergency Management Conference and wish to be reimbursed (up to \$100 per room) send copies of the room receipt to her.
- 5. Fairlee EM Conference Reports:** [Attendees] Overall, attendees were very pleased with the Conference; several noted that more time would have been appreciated for viewing the exhibits; more time also would have been nice for the networking portions of several workshops, notably the EMD Networking session;
- 6. LEPC Outreach/TTX Planning Committee Volunteers:** [Tim] A meeting is scheduled for 12/2 at 11 AM at Tim’s office, Andrea Hatch will be there to help with the planning process. Tim proposed that Waltham, Panton, Ferrisburgh, and Vergennes be targeted for the first one, Vergennes FD and Road Dept. are interested in hosting it. Members agreed. Tom and Bruce volunteered to be on the planning committee.
- 7. Members’ Business:**
 - The Bio-Hazard Workshop was held November 12—ACEPC members attending (4) thought it was great—very scary; focus was on the impact a disease outbreak would have on Vermont’s dairy/tourist/export industries, even if the outbreak was as far away as California. Transportation routes, whether by road, rail, or air, and the volume of travel from farm to farm within the State, make it highly likely that some sort of bio-hazard will be introduced into the food system (very easy to do) and that, wherever it occurs, the transport of animals and ag products will be severely curtailed, causing significant negative economic and psychological impact on the ag sector. Attendees felt that everyone should encourage members of the ag, emergency, and public safety communities to attend the next 2 workshops. Each ongoing workshop will have a brief intro/recap session for those who missed the first one.
 - C-POD TTX, draft s of invites
 - LEPC report will be produced for inclusion, or parts thereof as desired, in Town Reports

8. Upcoming Events: *contact Tim if more info needed*

- **ACEPC Publicity Meetings**—11/20 and 12/17, 10:00 AM, VDH.
- **ACEPC TTX Meeting**—Andrea Hatch; 12/2, 11:00, ACRPC.
- **ACEPC December Meeting**—12/10, 5:00, VSP; *speaker:* Kevin Anderson, VSP.
- **State CERT Conference**—12/13, 8–4, Randolph
- **ACEPC January**—1/21, 5:00, VSP
- **“Preparing to Survive a Bio-Disaster; Workshop 2”**—January 14, 10:30–2:30; refreshments provided; American Legion, Boardman Street, Middlebury
- **C-POD TTX**—1/24, 10 to 4, Rutland

Meeting adjourned—Bob MOVED, Charlie SECONDED, that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion passed.*
6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Secretary

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**ATTENDEES:** Tim Bouton—ACEPC Coordinator; ACRPC; New Haven Fire  
 Sue Ann Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk  
 Bob Arnebold—Orwell EM, Fire  
 Kate Gieges—ACEPC Treasurer; Cornwall EM  
 Robin Conway—ACEPC Secretary, Shoreham EMC, CERT, ARES, RACES  
 Tom Hanley—Middlebury Police Chief, EMD  
 Lt. Bruce Melendy—VSP Commander, Middlebury  
 Charlie Huizenga—Monkton EMD, FD  
 Randy Bronson—VEM  
 Jessica Jackson—VDH Middlebury  
 Erik Eriksen—Ripton Fire Chief  
 Matt Fraley—ACLEPC Chair; VFD; Panton EMD  
 Jeff Whiting—Goshen EMD  
 Cpt. Don Patch—VSP; Coordinator for Public Safety District 8

**HANDOUTS:** Agenda/Treasurer’s Report: 11-19-08/Minutes: 10-29-08  
C-POD Draft Invitations