

## Addison County Emergency Planning Committee MINUTES

VSP Barracks, New Haven • December 14, 2016 • 5pm

### **Presentation:**

**Civil Air Patrol**—Mike Davidson, from the Rutland station of the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol gave a presentation on the capabilities and uses of CAP in emergencies. Beginning with a short background and history, he moved on to current-day status. Cap began in 1941 as the Air Force Auxiliary, but has since been moved under the Training arm of the Air Force. It is an all-volunteer nation-wide organization with state chapters (“Wings”). The major use of CAP is in search and rescue, provision of emergency communications, transport of supplies and personnel in emergency situations, and reconnaissance. Cap also has a cadet program which is pretty strong in Burlington and Rutland and growing larger. Many cadets go on to West Point. Cell-phone forensics is a growing service, along with drone use and training. In Vermont, there are 41 air crews, 18 pilots, three ground crews. The average cost is \$120/hour; if the mission is Air-Force approved, the mission is free. If a mission is local/non-approved, the town pays but is typically reimbursed by FEMA.. The Vermont Wing can be contacted by phone at 802 660-8057; emergency response at 888 211-1812 x300; emergency, nation-wide 800 857-3051.

### **Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:**

#### **1. Called to order at 5:00pm**

**2. October Minutes-** Motion to approve by Erik E. Seconded by Tom H. *Motion passed*

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s report from November was presented. Balance, on this date, of \$4,694.63; expenses since last meeting totaled \$1819.15.—. Motion to approve Report made by Beth, seconded by Erik E. *Motion passed*

- **Expenditures/Bills/Reimbursements**—Bills to be paid: \$70.00 for the PO box, and \$81.42 paid by Matt for today’s food. **Motion to pay current bills and reimburse Matt made by Ray, seconded by Tim. Motion passed.**
- **TIER II**—Ray moved, Tim seconded, that \$250 be approved for advertising of the TIER II Workshop on January 25. *Motion passed.*

**4. VSP**—The barracks has a new commander, Lt. Danoski. He was unable to attend, but was represented by Aron McNeil the Night Commander.

**5. Middlebury Functional Exercise**—The scenario was a train derailment—cars off the track, ammonia leaks; communications were challenged. Participants included Middlebury Fire, Highway, and Police Departments, Porter Medical Center, Middlebury College. Tom H. reported that Middlebury’s EOP was followed quite well; The EOC had representatives from Fire, Highways, the

college, the main absence was that of a Porter representative. The exercise was counted a success, with all participants gaining good insights into the strengths and weaknesses of their plans. Tim indicated that a full-scale exercise will be coming soon.

**6. TIER II**—A handout was distributed for the Workshop to be held at the College (old library building) from 8 to 12 on January 25.

**7. DEMHS Report**—Josh Cox sat in for Ron, he ran through several items in the DEMHS Report, particularly SERC, noting the new commissioners

**8. Other Business**—

- **Suspicious Device**—Tom H. spoke to an issue MPD encountered when contacting both VSP and DEMHS regarding information they sought when a suspicious device was found at the College. DEMHS took 25 hours to respond to MPD' call(s), and VSP required penetration of several layers with numerous calls, never actually getting what was needed. MPD finally gave up their attempts to get assistance from the State and dealt with the issue according to their own protocols. The device turned out not to be a danger.

**Adjourn:** Tom H. moved, Erik E. seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.  
Time: 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Events:

- **TIER II Workshop**—8–Noon, 1/25
- **Next LEPC meeting**—1/25

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

### Attendees:

Josh Cox—DEMHS

Erik Eriksen—Ripton EMD/Fire

Tom Scanlon—Salisbury EMD

Dennis Pelletier—VDH, EP

Aron McNeil—VSP New Haven

Matt Fraley, Chair,—Vergennes Fire

Samara Coble—Red Cross

Tom Hanley—Middlebury PD, EMD

Beth Diamond—2-1-1

Ray Lalumiere—Leicester EMD

Robin Conway—Shoreham EMD

Troy Fox—Agrimark/Cabot

Tim Bouton—ACRPC

Mike Davidson—CAP, Presenter