

**Addison County Emergency Planning Committee/
Addison County Local Citizen's Corps Council
Minutes – February 25, 2015, 5pm**

Presentation

Ken Couture - Green Mountain Power Corp. Ken spoke in detail about GMP's storm preparedness activities. GMP operates its disaster response using a modified Incident Command System model. They have a constant eye out for threatening weather and have a meteorologist on contract to provide the most up-to-date weather information. Their system is closely connected to multiple information systems including radio, smart phone, Facebook, VTAlert and others both for gathering information and for disseminating it to their customers.

Storm preparations start several days out and leaders assemble to discuss strategies and what-ifs. If a storm appears to be coming that will definitely affect power services, all GMP employees are put on alert and a system of alerting additional crews from out of the region for mutual aid is activated.

If a severe storm is predicted, crews from out of state will be called in and housed prior to storm strike. During the most recent December outages, GMP was spending in excess of \$200,000 per hour at the peak to pay, feed, and house all the outside line-workers working on the storm. In following the ICS system of management, GMP's organization includes, Operations, Finance, Logistics and Planning. In large storms several ICS organizations may be set up to cover different geographical areas.

Customers should *always* call GMP if they do not have power. Customer calls and other reports fuel a large data management system which tracks outage reports and resources including truck locations via electronic vehicle locators. Their GIS mapping can then aggregate outage information and determine where the nearest substation or breaker is that would cause an area to be without power. The system can also tell GMP whether the break is on the road or cross-country so the workers bring the proper vehicles.

Smart meters can also provide some of the same information electronically to the data management system because they can send a message when they lose power. There are over 1000 smart meter collectors in the system whose job is to gather the information from smart meters and relay it up to the data center. Unfortunately, these collectors only have a limited battery life and during a storm such as last December's their batteries eventually failed leaving no electronic info from them. Ken emphasized, *make sure you call to report your outage.*

Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting:

1. Call to Order: Matt. 5:58
2. Approve January Minutes—Motion by Bob 2nd by Sue A, to approve as presented.
Motion passed.
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept as written by Tim 2nd by Sue H. *Motion. passed*
 - Expenditures/Bills: Tim for February meeting's refreshments
 - Reimbursements: Motion by Tom S, 2nd by Tom H., to reimburse for expenses as follows:
 - Tim for \$87.49 for meeting food*Motion. passed.* Kate reminded the group that we will be bringing the procurement policy to the members for discussion at our next meeting.
4. DEMHS Report – Josh reported that the DEMHS monthly report was not out yet but would be forwarded out by Tim as soon as it comes out.

5. Other business
 - Sue H passed out Radon kits to any members who wanted them.
 - Tim reviewed upcoming events.(listed below)
 - Matt will not be at the next meeting and asked if ERIK would chair in his place. (Tim will contact Erik)
6. Adjourn :6:09

Minutes submitted by: Tim Bouton

Upcoming Events:

- 3/5—Last date for submission of December storm-related Request for Assistance
- SEOC/ D-LAN Training 3/17, 5-9pm ACRPC Middlebury
- Next LEPC Meeting: 3/25, 5pm VSP New Haven
- HSEEP training March, June, etc.—various dates and locations
- DEMHS will be hosting a series of ice jam/spring flood summits
 - March 9—Waterbury, State Emergency Operations Center, 1pm to 3pm.
 - March 10—Rockingham/Bellows Falls Town Office; 1pm to 3pm.
 - March 12—Mendon, VTrans District 3 office; 1pm to 3pm.
 - March 13—Essex Junction, Vermont Fish and Wildlife; 1pm to 3pm.
 - March 16—Lyndonville, Lyndon Public Safety Building; 1pm to 3pm.
- Local EOP's signed and delivered date: 5/1
- HazMat Tabletop, June 13 Agrimark, Porter, responders.

Meeting Attendees:

Michael Manley—VSP	Matt Fraley—Panton EMD, Vergennes Fire
Ken Couture—GMP	Scott Anderson—Agrimark/Cabot
Henry Mapes—Agrimark/Cabot	Kate Gieges—Cornwall EMD
Jen Kazmierczak—Midd College	Lynne Klamm—AHS
Sue Hommel —VDH	Sue Arnebold—Orwell Town Clerk
Bob Arnebold—Orwell EMD	Kevin Gibbs—Bristol PD
Tom Scanlon—Salisbury EMD	Tim Bouton—ACRPC
Josh Cox—DEMHS	Tom Hanley—Chief, MPD