Rutland Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC)

Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 5:30 pm
Rutland Regional Planning Commission – Large Conference Room

MS Teams Meeting Log-in Information:
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Meeting ID: 292 701 195 387   Passcode: Tcn37V
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Meeting Attendees: See Attached

I. Voting Member Roll Call
Chair Atherton convened the meeting at 5:42 pm, and Maggie O'Brien conducted the voting member roll call. A quorum of voting members was not present, so non-binding decisions were made by consensus for this meeting. Chair Atherton noted that this was the first meeting of the 2023 federal fiscal year.

II. Approval of Agenda
It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the agenda be approved.

III. Approval of September 28, 2022 Minutes
It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the minutes of the September 28, 2022 meeting be approved.

IV. Binary Blizzard Buildup (B3) Update
O'Brien updated the committee on progress made to build capacity at the local and regional levels for meaningful participation in the state's October 2024 "Binary Blizzard" functional exercise. She also brought to the committee's attention a regional sheltering training that will be provided by the Red Cross on January 31st, 2023. This is one of many activities planned for the next two years that will help build regional capacity. She then introduced the guest speakers for this session, commenting on the significance of the Long-Term Power Outage (LTPO) focus.

V. GMP & VEM Guest Speaker – Long-Term Power Outages
Ken Couture from Green Mountain Power (GMP) and Glenn Herrin from Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) led the committee through an LTPO scenario to discuss what a regional response might look like. They elaborated on the roles and responsibilities of GMP and VEM in such a scenario and encouraged the committee to consider their Town's role in supporting residents, including their current resource capacity. O'Brien introduced some guiding questions to use as a potential framework for the construction of a local LTPO annex (to be worked on in 2023).

VI. **REMC Representative Reports**
   a. Statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee **(LEPC)** Representative, Bob Morlino
      i. Morlino was not present at the meeting; O'Brien provided an update on his behalf, stating there is nothing to report given the lack of meetings or communication from the LEPC.
   b. Threat Hazard Identification and Assessment and State Preparedness Report **(THIRA/SPR)** Representative, Michael Ramsey
      i. Ramsey's report summarized the activities that took place at the October 2022 THIRA gathering. He commented that it was well attended by a variety of stakeholders and an excellent review of Vermont's capacity to respond to a number of disaster or emergency scenarios.

VII. **REMC Annual Organizational Tasks**
   a. Review/Update Bylaws – update term for Statewide LEPC Rep to 3 years
      i. This item went unaddressed and will be discussed at the next meeting.
   b. Appointments
      i. Chair and Vice Chair – It was agreed by consensus that Atherton remain the Chair and Jan Sotirakis remain the Vice Chair.
      ii. Statewide LEPC Rep – Jay Lubeke confirmed Morlino's interest in reappointment. It was agreed by consensus that Morlino remain the statewide LEPC.
      iii. THIRA/SPR Rep – It was agreed by consensus that Ramsey remain the THIRA/SPR Rep.
      iv. IPPW Rep – It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the appointment be tabled.
   c. Review meeting time for upcoming REMC Meetings
      i. It was agreed by consensus of the voting members present that the meeting time for the committee remain the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM for each quarter of the federal fiscal year.

VIII. **Open to the public**
There was no one from the public in attendance.

IX. **Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 29, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**
The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting of the REMC will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

REMC meeting recordings can be viewed at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCngReaqDYcXwlit75D6ayTw/videos