

Bennington County REMC Meeting

Tuesday, May 31st from 5PM-6:15PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Joanne Bourbeau (speaker), Emily Harris, Bill Levine, Dee Myrvang, Karen Dzialo, Allison Strohl

Welcome and introductions

New volunteers and Current appointments

This topic was tabled due to low attendance. Currently only one position is filled.

- Interim Chair: Art Groux
- Interim Vice Chair: vacant
- Statewide LEPC Rep.: vacant
- Threat/Hazard Inventory and Risk Assessment Review Rep.: vacant
- Integrated Preparedness Plan Rep.: vacant

Reminder about quorum

Allison and Emily reminded attendees about how the proxy works and that it could help the group reach quorum.

VDART Presentation

Joanne Bourbeau, the Northeastern Regional Director of the Humane Society, talked about VDART, the Vermont Disaster Animal Response Team.

- Dee mentioned a possible funding source that the MRC unit could apply for (RISE grant) and working with Second Chance Animal Shelter.
- Allison mentioned MAUMS has designated animal area at the shelter and asked if the shelter has coordinated at all with VDART. They hadn't so Allison will provide Joanne with a contact.
- Updated location for the VDART LEMP Appendix form:
<https://vem.vermont.gov/plans/lemp/localresources>
- Contact for VDART: info@vermontdart.org, 301-529-3378

Other business

Updates from Emily Harris with VEM:

- VT Emergency Preparedness Conference - Killington September 20 & 21.
- There is lots of Hazard Mitigation funding available, including funding to perform Benefit-Cost Analysis, contact Stephanie.A.Smith@vermont.gov if you have a project in mind.

- Virtual Local Emergency Management Director Course - June 21&22, 12:30-4:30 each day. Registration through LMS. We'll be returning to more in-person opportunities, so if someone wanted this virtually now is the time.
- ICS 300 will be at Hartford Fire Station September 27-29, 8-4:30 each day.
- ICS 400 will be at Springfield Fire Station October 25&26, 8-4:30 each day.
- G191 ICS EOC Interface will be at Castleton Fire Station October 11, 8-4:30.
- Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents for Key Decision makers at Londonderry Rescue Squad October 4 & 5, 8-4pm each day.
- At your next meeting, you'll be joined by your new Regional Coordinator. When they are hired on, they will reach out directly to each EMD to introduce themselves.

How to sign up for LMS (Learning Management System):

<https://vem.vermont.gov/training/trainingprogram/lms>

Meeting ended at 5:45PM