

Schedule of Sessions and Summaries (below)

Friday September 7, 2018

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
8:30-9:00	Registration & Networking		
9:00-9:45	Opening Plenary (Morey Room)		
9:45	Break		
10:00-10:45	Vermont Dam Safety Program	The State Emergency Operations Center: Watching, Waiting, and Activated	FEMA Public Assistance -- what towns need to know
10:45	Break		
11:00-11:45	Vermont Dam Safety Program	Transition from Command to Coordination: How does the IC work with the EOC?	FEMA Public Assistance -- what towns need to know
11:45-12:45	Lunch (Terrace Ballroom)		
12:45-1:30	Incident Plans: Two Short Formats	The Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan and the March 2017 Evacuation of a New Haven, CT Nursing Home	Vermont Association of Emergency Management - Next Steps
1:30	Break		
1:45-2:30	Active School Shooter Prevention and Response	The Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan and the March 2017 Evacuation of a New Haven, CT Nursing Home	Vermont Association of Emergency Management - Next Steps
2:30	Break		
2:45-3:30	The Vermont Hazardous Commodity Flow Study	All-Hazards ICS in a Politically Charged Environment	Weather Support for Public Events and Emergencies
3:30	Break		
3:45-4:30	The Vermont Hazardous Commodity Flow Study	All-Hazards ICS in a Politically Charged Environment	FirstNet Demonstration

4:30-5:30	IAEM Reception and VEM Q&A
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Saturday September 8, 2018

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8:30-9:00	Registration & Networking		
9:00-9:45	Complexities of Managing Multi-Jurisdictional Environmental Disasters	The State Emergency Operations Center: Watching, Waiting, and Activated	FirstNet Demonstration
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11:00-11:45	Moving Beyond the Traditional School Lockdown	Defense Support to Civilian Authorities - Federal Military Assistance	2017 Hurricane Season Communications Impacts and Lessons Learned
11:45-12:45	Lunch and Awards (Terrace Ballroom)		
12:45-1:30	Incident Planning: A Process	Defense Support to Civilian Authorities - Federal Military Assistance	2017 Hurricane Season Communications Impacts and Lessons Learned
1:30	Break		
1:45-2:30	Who Cares? You Do! Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies	Local Emergency Management Plans	Opioid Use in Vermont
2:30	Break		
2:45-3:30	Who Cares? You Do! Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies	Local Emergency Management Plans	Until Help Arrives
3:30-4:00	Conference Capstone (Morey Room)		

Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference Session Descriptions

<p>Vermont Dam Safety Program <u>Presenter:</u> Ben Green, Dam Safety Engineer, Department of Environmental Conservation</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Friday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Provide presentation on the DEC Dam safety program including: program overview and limits of jurisdiction, discuss the VT Dam Inventory, Registration Program, Dam Inspection Program, Dam Permits, Unsafe Dam Proceedings, Winooski River Flood Control Dams, New Dam Safety Legislation and its impact on the status quo, and Emergency Preparedness/Emergency Action Planning.</p>
<p>The State Emergency Operations Center: Watching, Waiting, and Activated <u>Presenters:</u> Charles Deasy and Richard Cogliano, Vermont Emergency Management</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of how the State Emergency Operations Center operates and activates. The session will discuss the role of the Watch Officer then transition to what does the State Emergency Operations Center do and when is it activated? Participants will gain insight into the various activation levels and how the State EOC is set up to support local operations during times of disaster. Real world examples of incidents and how they were handled after the initial call will be discussed.</p>
<p>FEMA Public Assistance -- What Towns Need to Know <u>Presenters:</u> Ben Rose and Kim Canarecci, Vermont Emergency Management</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Friday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Introduction to the FEMA Public Assistance program for those who have not been through a federally-declared disaster before; and a chance for those who have been through the process to discuss and share lessons learned and best practices.</p>
<p>Transition from Command to Coordination: How does the IC work with the EOC? <u>Presenter:</u> Richard Cogliano, Vermont Emergency Management</p> <p>Session: Friday, September 7, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>All emergencies start local, and typically start small. As they get bigger, more resources are called in, more people start working in response, and management of the incident becomes more complex. Most first responders understand the Incident Command System and most Emergency Management Directors know how to open an Emergency Operations Center, but at what point to their activities work in tandem? This session will briefly cover the roles and responsibilities of Incident Commanders and Emergency Operations Centers and how they can work together to manage emergencies both large and small.</p>
<p>Incident Plans: Two Short Formats <u>Presenter:</u> Glenn Herrin, Vermont Emergency Management</p>	<p>This session introduces two short formats for developing and recording municipal incident plans, using a Synchronization Matrix and an Incident Briefing form. These are efficient tools for developing an operational framework for specific hazards such as a flood, ice storm, pandemic, HAZMAT spill, etc. Plans</p>

<p>Session: Friday, September 7, 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>in these formats are an efficient way to expand Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) with more comprehensive incident annexes without spending a lot of time on unknowable situation-dependent details.</p>
<p>The Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan and the March 2017 Evacuation of a New Haven, CT Nursing Home <u>Presenter:</u> Andrew D. McGuire, BS, EMT-P</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 7, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>When a sprinkler pipe burst above the main electrical panel room of a 226-bed nursing home in New Haven, CT, no one imagined what the next 24 hours would be like in terms of the emergency response and recovery efforts. The Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan was activated and 177 residents were successfully evacuated and relocated to 17 area nursing homes. Through on scene coordination and standing up of the regional Long-Term Care Coordinating Center, appropriate beds and transportation were identified and thus began the largest single nursing home evacuation in the history of the state. The pre-planning for facility evacuations through the Long-Term Care Mutual Aid Plan enabled area facilities and emergency responders to work together to safely relocate all the residents. Like all major incidents, there were many areas for plan and facility improvements identified during the event and the ongoing recovery that ensued.</p>
<p>Vermont Association of Emergency Management - Next Steps <u>Presenters:</u> Doug Babcock, St. Michael’s College and Zack Borst, University of Vermont</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 7, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>We will review the progress toward establishing an independent association for emergency management in Vermont and collaborate about next steps.</p>
<p>Active School Shooter Prevention and Response <u>Presenter:</u> Chief Gary L. Taylor, St Albans Public Safety Director</p> <p>Session: Friday, September 7, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>This is a program that was created to educate and empower Vermonters with (tried and true) information about what they can do to protect themselves and their family members in the event they are confronted with an Active Shooter or Violent Threat situation, regardless of where they incident occurs. This program combines 3 easy-to-remember concepts from established national public safety programs: See Something, Say Something; Run, Hide, Fight; and Stop the Bleed.</p>
<p>The Vermont Hazardous Commodity Flow Study <u>Presenter:</u> Victoria Littlefield, Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning</p>	<p>This study, which conducted over a two-year time period, looked at how hazardous materials are transported on our roads and railways in Vermont. Extensive data was collected to determine what commodities are coming into Vermont via</p>

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<p>All-Hazards ICS in a Politically Charged Environment <u>Presenter:</u> Matthew Romei, Vermont Capital Police</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 7, 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m..</p>	<p>Overview of the All-Hazards Planning Process that takes place in the Capitol Complex several times a year - including 7 Law Enforcement Agencies, 3 Fire Departments, A Fast Squad, State HazMat, National Guard Civil Support Team, VEM, VIC, FBI, BATFE, AOT, and how everyone comes together and makes it happen. This presentation will focus on the March for Our Lives event, in which a 40+ page operations plan was crafted and executed, including a partial activation of the SEOC.</p>
<p>Weather Support for Public Events and Emergencies <u>Presenter:</u> Scott Whittier, National Weather Service</p> <p>Session: Friday, September 7, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Do you have an on-going weather emergency and need more information? Is your community hosting a public event that hazardous weather could quickly turn into an emergency? This presentation is geared toward building partnerships, being prepared and how to stay informed of hazardous weather.</p>
<p>FirstNet Demonstration <u>Presenters:</u> Terry LaValley, Radio Technology Services Director, Vermont Department of Public Safety; Bruce Fitzgerald, FirstNet Principal Consultant, AT&T; Michael Varney, Region 1 Lead, FirstNet</p> <p>Sessions: Friday, September 7, 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Build-out of the first high-speed nationwide broadband network dedicated to public safety has begun in Vermont and throughout the U.S. The network is called FirstNet and is being built by AT&T. In this session, a demonstration will include how the cellular network can be used in remote areas, how its more robust capacity will facilitate larger data streams, and how the developing Push-to-Talk over cellular works. Explore how first responders in Vermont may be able to use new applications for a more effective emergency response.</p>
<p>Complexities of Managing Multi-Jurisdictional Environmental Disasters <u>Presenter:</u> Trevor Denney, Regional Field Manager Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management</p> <p>Sessions: Saturday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>The 2015 Gold King Mine release put a spotlight on the complexities surrounding the management of multijurisdictional HazMat spills that impact our watersheds. This interactive presentation will take an in-depth look at the successes and challenges that resulted from the Gold King Mine spill in Southwest Colorado. The main objectives of this session will be to provide guidance and have discussion regarding the various roles and responsibilities of the various regulatory agencies that manage our waterways. In addition, we will discuss the importance of local governments to lean forward on managing information and coordinating incidents within their communities regardless of cause.</p>

<p>Community Emergency Preparedness <u>Presenter:</u> Richard Cogliano, Vermont Emergency Management</p> <p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>This session was developed in response to a citizen organization asking for how neighborhoods can better prepare for disaster. This program will provide Local Emergency Management Directors and community members with ideas on how to foster a community based approach to citizen preparedness. By providing citizens with information on how to prepare themselves, their families, and their neighbors, we can make a more resilient community and State.</p>
<p>The Impacts of Ice Jams across Vermont <u>Presenter:</u> Jessica Niles, National Weather Service</p> <p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>An explanation and review of ice jams that impacted Vermont during January and February 2018. Discuss associated impacts.</p>
<p>Moving Beyond the Traditional School Lockdown <u>Presenter:</u> Rob Evans, Margolis Healey</p> <p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>The intent of the presentation is to educate and inform the participants on the emerging trends and best practices when responding to an active shooter/violent intruder. The presentation will cover, past/present/future tactics and training around this issue and discuss response strengths and gaps.</p>
<p>Defense Support to Civilian Authorities - Federal Military Assistance <u>Presenters:</u> Colonel Eric Pauer, Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer; Colonel David Foster, Army Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer; Captain Michael Flatley, Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer; Sergeant First Class Kezia Hoff, Army Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer</p> <p>Sessions: Saturday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion of how active duty and reserve military forces can assist Vermont in a large-scale emergency, including the role of the Defense Coordinating Officer and Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (EPLOs) from the Army, Air Force, and Navy in facilitating assistance.</p>
<p>2017 Hurricane Season Communications Impacts and Lessons Learned <u>Presenter:</u> Jarrett Devine, FEMA</p> <p>Sessions: Saturday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. Saturday, September 8, 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>This session covers the communications impacts in the 2017 hurricane season with particular emphasis on Puerto Rico. We also cover lessons learned.</p>
<p>Incident Planning: A Process <u>Presenter:</u> Glenn Herrin, Vermont Emergency Management</p>	<p>This session will present an overview of FEMA's six-step planning process for creating an Emergency Operations Plan and apply it to municipal incident planning. The focus is on how towns with limited</p>

<p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>resources, including time, can realistically develop and refine plans for specific hazards that would augment their basic Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).</p>
<p>Who Cares? You Do! Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies <u>Presenters:</u> Dawn Anderson and MaryEllen Mendl, Vermont 211</p> <p>Sessions: Saturday, September 8, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m</p>	<p>Emergencies can take many forms. Ice storms, floods, fires, major traffic accidents, and similar events can cause power outages, isolate individuals, or prompt the need for evacuation. For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help.</p> <p>The Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies (CARE) program was created to help. CARE’s key partners are the United Ways of Vermont, Vermont 211, Vermont 911, and Vermont Emergency Management. CARE helps emergency responders identify Vermonters who might need special assistance in case of a wide-scale event.</p>
<p>Local Emergency Management Plans <u>Presenters:</u> Glenn Herrin, Emily Harris, and Rich Cogliano, Vermont Emergency Management</p> <p>Sessions: Saturday, September 8, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m</p>	<p>This session examines the new Vermont Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) requirements. Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) will review the components and talk about why they are part of the LEMP, what the state does with the plans, and best practices. There will be an open discussion of how municipalities currently use the plans and how they can get the most out of them.</p>
<p>Opioid Use in Vermont <u>Presenter:</u> Detective Shawn Loan, Vermont State Police</p> <p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>This session will cover the Opioid epidemic in Vermont. There will be discussion of signs of Opioid Use and what Towns and local officials need to know.</p>
<p>Until Help Arrives <u>Presenter:</u> Arlene Magoon, FEMA</p> <p>Session: Saturday, September 8, 2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m</p>	<p>This session will provide an overview of the Until Help Arrives course offered by FEMA. Attendees will get a taste of what is offered and how they can best prepare their citizens for disasters.</p>