**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)**

**DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

1. Call to Order - (Vice Chair, Chief Patrick McLaughlin) 10:02 am
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – (Vice Chair, Chief Patrick McLaughlin) None
3. Roll Call – (Conducted by Liz Rowell, VEM)

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| **Seat - Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Commissioner of Public Safety - Jennifer Morrison / **Patrick McLaughlin (Chair)** | X |  |
| Secretary of Natural Resources - Julie Moore / **Tim Cropley** | X |  |
| Secretary of Transportation - Joe Flynn / **Mike Touchette** / Craig Digiammarino / Andy Shively | X |  |
| Commissioner of Health - Mark Levine / |  | X |
| Secretary of Agriculture, Food, and Markets - Anson Tebbetts / **Annie MacMillan** | X |  |
| Commissioner of Labor - Michael Harrington / **Dan Whipple** / Stephen Monahan | X |  |
| Director of Fire Safety - Mike Desrochers / Michael Skaza |  | X |
| Director of Emergency Management - **Erica Bornemann** / **Liz Rowell (Secretary)** | X, Both |  |
| Local Government - **Chris Violette** | X |  |
| Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – **Bob Morlino** | X |  |
| Regional Planning Committee – **Andrew L’Roe** | X |  |
| Fire Service - **Christopher Dube** |  | X |
| Law Enforcement - **Ryan Palmer** | X |  |
| Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - **Prescott Nadeau** | X |  |
| Hospital - **Kate Hammond** | X |  |
| Transportation Entity reporting chemicals - **Dave Patneaude** | X |  |
| Entity reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) – **Mark Toof** | X |  |

Others and Members of the public: Auggie Norris, Susan Plant, Rhonda Camley, Alec Jones, Charles Colley,

Gabriel Palazzi, Andy Shively, Christine Forde

1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022 – (Vote Required)

A motion to approve the November 17, 2022 SERC Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Tim Cropley

The motion was seconded by Erica Bornemann. All voted in favor. The motion is adopted.

1. Team Reports

Tier II Submissions/Financial Report & HAZMAT Team Report – (Chief Patrick McLaughlin, Division of Fire Safety) Membership changes, 3 folks left the team, Todd Cosgrove has been invited back as a technician. Helder Farrera has joined the group. 2 member openings in the south are being recruiting for.

Training on new equipment, the Gemini which is a spectrometry equipment that enhances our capacity to identify unknown chemicals or verify known chemicals that is replacing our outdated ID 360. Border Patrol has purchased 58 and worked with them. The team was did a mock anhydrous ammonia training at the Agri-mart facility in Middlebury, with the Middlebury Fire Dept. Our crews were able to make several Level 8 entries and utilize tools and work around their production. Will do the same thing in Brattleboro in April and in May at the CNS warehouse.

A company out of South Burlington are doing some really innovative things with lithium ion batteries and electric helicopter plane systems, and we're going to tour their R&D facility as well as their new facility in Franklin County at the old Energizer battery location.

Provided 93 hours of training to 879 personnel last year, across the several disciplines including the Tier II reports for police, fire and EMS agencies. This year we are already at 385 personnel trained and 11 1/2 hours of training. Had a webinar with EPA Region 1 on Tier II submissions, with close to 400 people from Maine and Vermont attending.

Gave a breakdown of all 2022 responses.

Discussed a fuel truck rollover in Barnard and the quick response and resource allocation.

Detailed the equipment purchases made and the equipment needed using grant funding. Gave an overview of incidents that indicated needs for new equipment.

Detailed the status of the Tier II reports and the 2022 submissions, as well as the financial results to date. Data will be updated on the dashboard by the end of March.

Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Spill Team Calls – (Tim Cropley, ANR) Quarterly report, regionally based. Brandon release, 250 gallons of kerosene entered wetland, traveled ½ mile, mitigated.

New spill responder – Will Sissman.

Gilmore Health Ctr latex paint release, no detrimental result as it was water based.

Monkton had 300 gallons of fuel oil spilled, contractor cleaned up, no entry into waterways. Boring excavation performed to determine the degree and extent of the soil saturation.

Fire Academy Updates – (Fire Academy Rep. presented by Patrick McLaughlin)

Reported on training and courses completed and offerings. Hazardous materials grant in process.

1. Welcome and Introductions of new members – Liz Rowell

Chris Violette, Dave Patneaude, Mark Toof, Chris Dube (absent), Ryan Palmer, Prescott Nadeau (rep EMS seat-current member), and Bob Morlino

1. Committee Reports
   1. Finance Committee Report (Rhonda Camley/ or Finance Representative)

SERC is closed, no open awards. As of December 31st, have collected $124,000 in revenue and had 366,000 in expenditures.

* 1. LEPC Report (Chief Patrick McLaughlin)

Bob Morlino is the rep from Rutland County. Quarterly meeting will be in March. Funding for SERC will go towards full time position to coordinate LEPC meetings and planning for the $4000 and commodity flow studies. The position will be posted in the June/July timeframe to be in place by August.

1. Public Comments – (Chief Patrick McLaughlin)

Discussed the recent Ohio train crash involving chemicals that caught fire and the response.

Bob reviewed after action review, and noted use of aerial drones to see damage, working relationships in the response and communications. Used shape chargers to drain/vent tanks.

Patrick gets daily email on railcars in Vermont with chemicals in storage. Matt Young at VT Rail Systems has done training on this.

1. Adjourned 11:12 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: May 17th

Will vote on nominating a Chair

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