



STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

FINAL Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order - (Chair, Kim Lapierre)
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – (Chair, Kim Lapierre)
3. Roll Call –

Name & Seat	Present	Absent
Kim Lapierre, Chair - HazMat Transportation Seat	X	
Mike Touchette – Agency of Transportation Seat	X	
Erica Bornemann, Secretary – Vermont Emergency Management Seat	X	
Patrick McLaughlin – Department of Public Safety Seat	X	
Dan Batsie – Department of Health Seat		X
Anne Macmillan – Agency of Agriculture, Food, & Markets Seat	X	
Tim Cropley – Agency of Natural Resources Seat	X	
Stephen Monahan – Department of Labor Seat	X	
Erik Rosenbauer – Local Emergency Planning Commission Seat	X	
Prescott Nadeau – EMS Seat	X	
Carl Rogers – Municipal Seat	X	
Christopher Dube – Fire Service Seat	X	
Victoria (Tory) Littlefield – Regional Planning Commission Seat	X	
Vacant – EHS Facility Seat	N/A	N/A
Kate Hammond – Hospitals Seat	X	
Vacant – Law Enforcement Seat	N/A	N/A

4. Approval of February 17, 2021 SERC Meeting Minutes – (Vote Required) Amend to show Carl Rogers was present. Tory Littlefield moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.
5. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Local Government Reimbursement Program (Gary Lipson, EPA) – Gary Lipson presented on the EPA local government reimbursement program details. Program is enforcement in nature. Any government (state, county, local, tribal) is covered by the program. <https://www.epa.gov/emergency-response/local-governments-reimbursement-program>
6. Tier II data & GIS Presentation (Chief Patrick McLaughlin, Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team Chief, Division of Fire Safety) Two main programs used: Tier II Submit & CAMEO



Data Manager. Chief McLaughlin reviews the data for contact information of submitters. Ability to display GIS data in a format for first responders. This data can also be cross referenced with current weather data. KML files can be uploaded directly into Google Earth. Chief McLaughlin can assist first responders with pre-planning HAZMAT incidents using the Tier II data. Once downloaded you will still have access to the data even if there is no internet connection.

7. Team Reports

- a. Tier II Submissions/Financial Report & HAZMAT Team Report – (Chief Patrick McLaughlin, Division of Fire Safety)
- b. Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Spill Team Calls – (Tim Cropley, ANR)
Tim reviewed the spills reported to ANR for the period of 2/1 – 4/30. There have been some above ground tank spills reported where the tanks were not inspected within the timeframe that is required. Every three years an inspection of these tanks needs to occur. New tank installations also require an inspection. Chuck Schwer and Steve Simoes are both retiring from ANR. The annual training with EPA was conducted on 2/8. Meeting was held with VEM and VHMRT to discuss response capabilities and notification procedures.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee Report
 - i. Report on LEPC financials (Caleb Geffken, DPS) – Amendments have been sent out to awarded LEPCs 3 LEPCs have spent their funding (1, 8, 12). Some Treasurer reports are missing for LEPCs for the period ending March 31, 2021. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled soon to review outstanding balances.
- b. LEPC / SERC Liaison Committee Report
 - i. Update on LEPC consolidation (Tori Littlefield, TRORC)
Last meeting was at the end of March. Testimony was given to the Legislature for Title 20 statutory changes. Director Bornemann reported that H.122 was voted out of the Senate which is the bill that has the Title 20 changes. The bill is now in the House. LEPC/SERC Committee meeting will meet again soon to plan the consolidation of the statewide LEPC. Also need to look at contractual support for the statewide LEPC. Communication will need to go out to the LEPCs regarding needed representation on the statewide LEPC. Current draft legislation caps the total LEPC budget at \$52,0000 to the statewide LEPC. The one LEPC will still need to apply for that funding.
- c. Report on training activity of the Vermont Fire Academy (Peter Lynch, DFS)
 - i. HazMat Operations courses are occurring and practical training is occurring in person. Additional Hazmat trainings are being offered. Courses in development/re-development: Flammable Gas Control – 100% complete now,



24 instructors have been trained. Gas Metering class was recently held in Warren. Bringing more instructors on board to train this class as well. Program applications – due date June 6th for the next year's classes. Year begins on July 1st.

Fire Academy has placed importance on the health and wellness of the fire service in general. Curriculum was changed to include wellness of firefighters topics. S.42 just signed into law creates a Wellness Commission for first responders. Cancer seminar will be delivered on June 19th to speak specifically to the fire service community regarding cancer awareness.

9. Nominations and Vote on SERC Vice Chair (Chair, Kim Lapierre)

A motion was made by Erik Rosenbauer to appoint Tory Littlefield to the position of SERC Vice Chair. The motion was seconded. The motion was adopted.

10. Public Comments – (Chair, Kim Lapierre)

Chief McLaughlin – Last weekend VHMRT lost one of their founding members. Kristy Oxham passed away recently, and members of the Team attended her funeral.

11. Adjourn – Stephen Monahan moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion was adopted. The meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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