

# State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

State Emergency Operations Center  
45 State Drive  
Waterbury, VT 05671-1300

## SERC Members Attending

- Annie Macmillan – Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets Seat (Designee for Secretary Anson Tebbetts)
- Dan Whipple – Department of Labor Seat (Designee for Commissioner Lindsay Kurrle)
- Tim Cropley – Agency of Natural Resources Seat (Designee for Secretary Julie Moore)
- Dan Batsie – Department of Health Seat (Designee for Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine)
- Carl Rogers – Local Government Seat
- Al Barber – LEPC Seat
- Todd Cosgrove - Chair – Department of Public Safety Seat (Designee for Commissioner Thomas Anderson)
- Josh Cox – Non-Voting Member - Secretary (Designee for Director Erica Bornemann)

## SERC Members Absent

- Michael Collins – Extremely Hazardous Substances Reporter Seat
- Shaun Coleman – Regional Planning Commission Seat
- Alec Portalupi/Josh Schultz – Agency of Transportation Seat (Designee for Secretary Joe Flynn)

## Also Attending:

Erica Bornemann – Vermont Emergency Management  
Ray Allen – Grand Isle Sheriff's Department  
Ted Bzenas – Environmental Protection Agency  
Gary Lipson – Environmental Protection Agency  
Prescott Nadeau – Williston Fire Department  
Debbie Cummings – Department of Public Safety  
Lee Krohn – Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission  
Chip Deasy – Vermont Emergency Management  
Mary Lamson – Rutland Regional Planning Commission  
Bojan Brkovic – Department of Public Safety  
Scott Carpenter – Vermont Emergency Management  
Rhonda Camley – Department of Public Safety  
Sue Sharbino - Vermont Emergency Management  
Kim Lapierre – Suburban Propane  
Walter Scott Pierce – U.S. Coast Guard Incident Management Division Chief (Maine)  
John Berino – University of Vermont Medical Center  
Chris Batton – U.S. Coast Guard Executive Petty Officer Station Farley  
Eric Baruzzi – U.S. Coast Guard Station Burlington  
Peter Lynch – Vermont Fire Academy  
James McClay – U.S. Coast Guard  
Bruce Melendy – Northeastern Vermont Development Association  
Anson Tebbetts - Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets  
Michael Desrochers – Division of Fire Safety  
Tim Bouton – Addison County RPC

## Informational Meeting – No Quorum

**Call to Order** – Todd Cosgrove, Chair 10:05 a.m.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda – None

Introductions

Public Comments – none

Approval of May 17, 2017 SERC Meeting Minutes – (Vote Required) No action taken, no Quorum

**Grant Statuses** Debbie Cummings, Bojan Brkovic, Rhonda Camley

Hazchem Grants - Status of Hazchem FY18 –

Revenue is in, was very good compared to last year, thanks to all of Todd Cosgrove's work. \$4000 for each LEPC. All LEPCs applications have been received except for LEPC 7 & LEPC 13. Josh will be reaching out to LEPCs that do not have a risk assessment on file. Josh will also be requesting missing LEPC Financial reports and Progress reports. The SERC Finance Subcommittee decided that the allocation of \$8000 from will be placed in abeyance for LEPC 7 and LEPC 13 until they apply for these funds. Most information has been obtained so DPS-Finance can issue grants.

Some discussion regarding the Hazchem application process. DPS Finance made some clarifications regarding any Hazchem requests for funding over \$4000 per LEPC. The FY '18 budget is \$52,000. There is an amount (around \$130,000) that is not being used from the FY'18 Hazchem fund. There was discussion regarding what can and should be done with this amount of unallocated money.

### **Process for Hazchem FY19 Awards**

VEM Director Erica Bornemann recommended that the SERC hold a meeting sooner than November 2017 to make a formal recommendation to the Commissioner of DPS on forming a budget.

Division of Fire Safety Director Mike Desrochers spoke about the need for more funding for the USAR team and that using Hazchem funds for this purpose is appropriate.

Erica suggested the next meeting the SERC receive a presentation from DFS on the Hazchem budget development process for FY'19.

Tim suggested a presentation on the creation of the Hazchem fund and how that budget was setup.

### **Community Right to Know / Tier II HAZMAT Team Report**

Todd Cosgrove presented on Tier II submissions/VHMRT status report. Report submitted to Secretary.

### **VEM Watch Officer Calls**

Josh Cox presented on VEM Watch Officer calls for May 1 – July 31, 2017. Report submitted to Secretary.

### **ANR Spill Team Calls**

Tim Cropley presented the ANR calls for the same reporting period. Report was submitted to the Secretary.

### **Presentation EPA's Emergency Planning and Response Branch - Gary Lipson & Ted Bzenas**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Training**

Al Barber – Caught up on hazmat training. Pete Lynch also presented on the Vermont Fire Academy (VFA) activities from 2013 to present. Some Hazchem money goes to gas control classes, revisions to that curriculum is forthcoming in mid-2018. VFA offers numerous HAZMAT Ops courses.

### **LEPC Reports**

LEPC 1 – attendance is down a bit in recent months. Continuing to invite chemical companies to present

LEPC 2 – Exec Committee met yesterday to finalize plans for the year and how Hazchem funds would be spent.

Next meeting is 9/21

LEPC 3 – No report

LEPC 4 – No report

LEPC 5 – No report

LEPC 6 – No report

LEPC 7 – No report

LEPC 8 – Summer break, next meeting is next Tuesday. Exec Board meeting this afternoon.

LEPC 9 – Progress report sent on 8/1 – Last met on July 26. Sponsoring a school safety conference in St. Johnsbury. Next meeting on 9/27

LEPC 10 – Next meeting Oct 10

LEPC 11 – No report

LEPC 12 – No report

LEPC 13 – No report

Josh will send out notices to LEPCs for reports for SERC meetings.

A SERC Special Meeting was scheduled for: **Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 45 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1300**

Meeting Adjourned 11:56 a.m.

Next SERC Regular Meeting: **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters, 45 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1300**

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