

# State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

February 15, 2016

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

## **SERC Members Attending**

Robert Schell – DPS DEMHS  
Annie Macmillan – AGR  
Dan Whipple – Labor  
Joshua Schulz – AOT  
Tim Cropley – ANR  
Chris Bell – VDH  
Carl Rogers – Local Government  
Kim Lapierre –Transporting Chemicals  
Mike Collins – Hazardous Substances  
Mike Stevens – Law Enforcement  
Neil Fulton – Fire Service  
Shaun Coleman – RPCs  
Al Barber – LEPCs

## **SERC Members Absent**

Hospital – Vacant

## **Also Attending:**

Todd Cosgrove – DPS State Hazmat Team  
Pete Lynch – Vermont Fire Academy  
Mike Skaza – Vermont Fire Academy  
Bob Weinert – DPS DEMHS  
Jason Gosselin – DPS DEMHS  
Rhonda Camley – DPS Accounting Division  
Marie Hayward – DPS Accounting Division  
Debbie Cummings – DPS Accounting Division  
Rob Densmore – DPS Accounting Division  
Bruce Melendy – NVDA  
Mary Lamson – RRPC  
Tim Bouton - ACRPC  
Jim Tonkovich – 211  
John Berino – visiting from Hospitals

**Call to Order** – Robert Schell presiding.

## **Introductions**

**Minutes** Motion for approving the November 16, 2016 SERC meeting minutes for approval; seconded.

## **Grant Statuses**

- HMEP Grant – Rob Densmore
  - HMEP 14 has closed out.
  - HMEP 15 – The planning side has seen a small amount of expenditure; expecting more expenditures in the Spring. The sub recipient, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission advises the project’s progress is on hold due to Winter and pick up in Spring with assessments of the placards.
- Hazchem Funds - Debbie Cummings
  - HazChem FY17 All LEPCs have been paid with the exception of LEPC 13 which should be paid this week.
  - Quarterly Treasurer’s Reports-The following LEPCs have not submitted their quarterly Treasurers’ reports: LEPC 3 (Southern Windsor), LEPC 4 (Franklin), LEPC 7 (Bennington), LEPC 10 (Orleans), LEPC 13 (Grand Isle).

## **Team Reports**

- State Hazmat Team Report / Community Right-to-Know– Todd Cosgrove
- DEMHS Watch Officer Report – Jason Gosselin
- ANR Spill Team Report – Tim Cropley

## **Presentations**

- EPA Geographic Response Plans on Lake Champlain in VT- Jim Carew
- Updated Hazchem Funding Process – Rhonda Camley and Marie Hayward.
  - Tim Bouton recommended and additional amount above and beyond be added in addition to the statutory allocation.

## **Committee Reports**

- *Legislative/legal Committee* consists of: Tim Stetson, Al Barber, Robert Schell.
  - Bylaws still in draft form, after the SERC Chair is officially appointed the SERC Bylaws will be addressed.
- *Training Committee* consists of: Mike Collins, Kim Lapierre, Al Barber, Tim Bouton, Neil Fulton, and a representative from the Fire Academy. No news.
- *LEPC/SERC Liaison Committee* is made up of Al Barber.
  - Neil Fulton made a suggestion that a percentage of the Tier II fees collected go directly to the LEPCs.
  - Tim Bouton also suggested that if any new facility starts reporting that their first year's fees collected go directly to the LEPC [that reporting facility is in].
- *Membership Committee*.
  - Membership rosters for LEPCs 5, 8 and 10 were approved.
- *Citizens Corp Advisory Committee*. Pending approval of new SERC bylaws to move forward for review of council.
- A "*Finance*" Committee was proposed to be made up of various members of the SERC. Exact membership to be identified at a later time.

## **LEPC Notes**

- The EPA provided two workshops in Vermont regarding Tier II. Both sessions were well attended.
- Upcoming tabletop exercises, emergency plan reviews coming up. A functional exercise was conducted.
- Tier II reports are starting to come in.
- Some LEPCs are meeting at off-site locations for site-visits.

## **SERC Action Items**

- Appointments – The Hospital representative is vacant. The Hospital Association will be moving forward to propose a nominee for the vacancy.

**Meeting Adjourned** - Motioned, seconded.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 - 9:00 am-11:00 am  
State Emergency Operations Center, Waterbury