

## Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee

<https://acrpc.org/acrpc-remc/>

### MEETING MINUTES

10 August 2022, 12:00pm

In Person at ACRPC Office, 14 Seminary St, Middlebury VT

#### Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86409516451?pwd=ZmNzOGRaNXZjT1NMcU03UWtsQUkxZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 864 0951 6451

**Passcode:** 162428

#### 12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions (Attendance list at end)

#### 12:05- Approval of May 11 Minutes (and February minutes)

Did not have enough voting members to vote on approval

#### 12:10- Bylaws discussion and Vote (A. L'Roe/B. Marks)

Did not have enough voting members to hold a vote

#### 12:20- Update from Max Kennedy- Northwest Regional Coordinator, Vermont Emergency Management

Max assured the REMC that the quorum challenge is real around the state and VEM is working to try to make the system and quorum challenges manageable. He is back from military leave and reached out to EMDs about training.

Registration for the Annual Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference is open:

<https://vem.vermont.gov/conference>

o September 20-21st

o Conference Location: Killington Resort

o The REMC can select an individual to receive one free night at Killington Resort either Sept 19th, 20th, or 21st (Tom Scanlon signed up)

<https://forms.office.com/g/vGDy3APcm5>

There's a lot of hazard mitigation funding available.

Funding is now open for 2022 Regional Communications/Dispatch

o Funding will be available to support the creation of new regional dispatch centers or broaden the capacity and capability of existing dispatch centers. This will enable an approach that balances workloads in regions throughout the State.

o For all funding announcements, application materials, instructions and resources, please visit the Regional Communications Grant Program webpage on the Homeland Security website at: <https://hsu.vermont.gov/regionalcommunications>

o Applications due September 2nd

o For questions regarding grant submissions including questions about the grant application, supplemental materials, or any issues downloading materials please contact DPS.HSU@vermont.gov.

\*See VEM Newsletter for more information:

<https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/documents/August%20%2722%20Newsletter.pdf>

Upcoming grant for local EOC improvements \*\* NOW broadened to the Local Emergency Management and EOC Improvement Grant\*\*

- o Going to be released in September
- o Can be used for EOC or shelter as well as other EM projects (i.e. training)
- o Will require 50% match, ARPA funds can be used

## SURVIVERMONT

- o The training provides Vermonters with actions they can take to protect themselves and family members if they are confronted with an active shooter or violent threat situation.
- o SURVIVERMONT combines three easy-to-remember concepts from established federal public safety programs: See Something, Say Something; Run, Hide and Fight; and Stop the Bleed.
- o Dates below (check link frequently as new trainings are being added and they are removed once registration cap has been met)
- o August 22: 6-7:30 p.m., Vermont State Police New Haven Barracks, 2490 Ethan Allen Highway New Haven. 25 seats available.
- o Registration links to be posted on the following site:  
<https://schoolsafety.vermont.gov/news/survivermont-trainings-registration-open>

## Trainings:

- o EMD Course (virtual)  
Thu, Sep 8, 2022, 12:30 PM - Fri, Sep 9, 2022, 4:30 PM EDT
- o VEM August Newsletter:  
<https://vem.vermont.gov/sites/demhs/files/documents/August%20%2722%20Newsletter.pdf>
- o Many other trainings coming up in the region (partnerships with NH, Maine, Mass, etc.)  
please keep an eye on newsletter or reach out if there are specific courses you're looking for.

Max is working on an official LEMP template for hot weather/cooling shelter planning

B. Marks pointed out that the REMC hasn't had enough people to reach quorum or officially "form". He suggested that towns that don't participate should face consequences, or get/pay Fire Chiefs involved.

M. Kennedy said that he didn't foresee a system with penalties, but VEM is actively working on how to incentivize municipalities beyond just grants. The involvement of first responders was certainly the goal, but how to provide the money is a challenge.

A. L'Roe said he would do more to reach out to ACFA (and welcomed voting members that joined the call) and do more to reach out to EMS agencies about ways to represent multiple municipalities.

D.Dibiase asked whether the REMC could appoint a representative for municipalities that had not, B. Marks answered that it would require a legislative change.

At this point in the meeting, the REMC had representatives from 9 communities.

**12:40- Nomination and Election of Positions-** tabled until following meeting, but currently:

- **Chair, (Ben Marks)**
- **Vice-Chair, (Erik Eriksen)**

- **Representative(s)** to various state committees: (Dan Kuzio)
  - the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC),
  - Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (THIRA/SPR) and
  - Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW).

**12:40- Discuss and vote on purchasing REMC logo design by - (A. L’Roe)**

A. L’Roe mentioned that there has been an offer to design an Addison County REMC logo for website and materials. A. L’Roe is proposing \$2,500 of RPC funds from EMPG for this purpose. Under ACRPC procurement rules, this would qualify as an RPC micro-purchase (for contact amounts less than \$3,000) and not need to go out to bid, but A. L’Roe will put together a short RFP. T. Scanlon and D. Kuzio volunteered to be a part of subcommittee.

Previous LEPC Logo:



D. DiBiase noted that BDH stood up an EOC for Monkeypox

M. Kennedy requested that representatives reach out with suggestions for making meetings beneficial and rewarding.

As far as he knows, no other REMC’s have reached quorum either

B. Marks will confer with A. L’Roe in early September and make a push to contact members- maybe a personal appeal to Select Chairs will help solve the problem.

**Next REMC Meeting-** Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
Zoom and ACRPC Office

**1:00pm Adjourn**

**8/10- Attendees:**

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| Ben Marks, Cornwall, Select Board/EMD/Fire Dept. | David DiBiase, Vergennes Fire Dept. /Waltham Rep |
| Dan Kuzio, Starksboro Fire Dept.                 | Tom Hanley, Middlebury EMD/PD                    |
| Barb Rainville, Lincoln EMC                      | Kate Rothwell- MREMS                             |
| Tom Scanlon, Salisbury EMD                       | Keith Ellery- Middlebury College                 |
| Valerie Capels, Bristol Town Admin/EMD           | John Keppler- American Red Cross                 |
| Peter Coffey, Bristol EMC/FD                     | Harland Miller- Collins-UTC                      |
| Erik Eriksen, Ripton FD                          |  |
| Bill Finger, Lincoln Selectboard/EMD             | Max Kennedy, VEM                                 |
| Charlene Phelps, Starksboro EMD                  | Andrew L’Roe, ACRPC                              |