

Addison County Regional Emergency Management Committee

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

9 November 2022, 12:00pm

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

12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions (attendees listed at bottom of document)

12:05- Approval of Bylaws

Motion: T. Scanlon

Second: D. DiBiase

Unanimously Approved

Approval of August 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion: T. Hanley

Second: E. Eriksen

Unanimously Approved

12:10 Winter Weather Hazards and Projections from NOAA/NWS- Scott L. Whittier, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, DOC/NOAA/National Weather Service ([see slides](#))

Quick summary: NWS Burlington office covers northern 2/3 of Vermont and northern half of NY Adirondacks region

Addison County winter snowfall average ranges from 60 inches to 120 inches (highest in Green Mountains) and the Coldest Days of Year are usually in the date range of 1/13-1/26

Several types of winter storms impact Vermont, including: Nor'easter, "Alberta Clipper" or "Saskatchewan Screamer", Upslope Events, Ice Storms, Localized High/Damaging Wind Events

2020-2021 was slightly warmer than usual, 2021-2022 was slightly cooler, both years had slightly less precipitation than average

2022-23 Winter Outlook: La Niña conditions are expected for the 3rd year in a row, with weak effects on the northeast but depends on how it affects the jet stream- temperatures are expected to be about normal, with a chance of slightly more precipitation

NWS sends out information through VT-Alerts, and emails to EMDs

12:40- VT National Guard Emergency Response- Major Geoff Lee, VT National Guard Director of Military Support ([see slides](#))

Quick summary: The VT National Guard is available to assist towns following disasters, offering skilled capabilities as well as Equipment Lease/Loans for things like fire/hazmat/bomb/flood response, community relations, ground/air transport, civil disturbance, search and rescue.

Their assistance cost does have to be reimbursed (usually covered by federal disaster reimbursement funds) and can't replace available private resources.

Request assistance through VEM watch officer, and be sure to give a Who (point of contact)/What (service needed, not what you think can provide it) / Where (street address)/ and When.

For more info, contact Army Major Geoffrey Lee (Geoffrey.s.lee4.mil@army.mil, 802-338-3428) or Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jason Galipeau (jason.t.galipeau.mil@army.mil or 802-388-3342)

12:50- Updates

- **Vermont Emergency Management Update** (M. Kennedy)

M. Kennedy is available to help with exercise requests, ideally in February or later [VEM's November newsletter](#) was recently sent out- it has changed formats and contains several funding and training opportunities (see second page of Agenda as well)- let M. Kennedy or A. L'Roe know if you need assistance with grant applications for the [Local Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Center \(EOC\) improvement projects](#) (due by Tuesday, November 15). The [State Homeland Security Program](#) supplementary funds announcement is coming soon as well.

VEM has also set up email lists ([signup here](#)) to receive pertinent emails about funding, training, school safety, etc.

- **THIRA/SPR update** (D. Kuzio)

D. Kuzio sent in an update- he took part in the first 2022 Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) session in Killington on October 13- the session went well and was very informative. They reviewed 32 core capabilities and targets set by Homeland Security.

D. Kuzio and A. L'Roe will send out a survey to EMDs and town staff for feedback on target language and more specific questions about core capabilities, challenges, and future plans.

- **RPC updates** (A. L'Roe)

A. L'Roe is finishing an RFQ for a new REMC logo and will send it to the subcommittee (T.Scanlon and D. Kuzio)- funding is coming from EMPG through ACPRC.

A. L'Roe is still working on getting Tier II data from state division of fire safety/hazmat and will distribute it to municipal fire departments when it becomes available.

There are additional trainings and funding opportunities at the bottom of the Agenda.

1:00pm Adjourn

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Zoom and ACRPC Office

Attendees:

(* = voting member, ** = voting member & proxy)

- *Valerie Capels, Bristol EMD & Town Admin
- *Peter Coffey, Bristol EMC/FD
- *Jessica James, Ferrisburgh EMD & Select Board Chair
- **John Rouse, Leicester EMD
- **Barb Rainville, Lincoln EMC
- *Tom Hanley, Middlebury EMD/PD
- *David Shaw, Middlebury FD
- **Stephen Pilcher, Monkton EMD & Select Board Chair
- **Sandy Korda, Orwell EMD
- *Bob Groff, Panton EMC
- *Ryan Brown, VARS and Panton Emergency Services Rep.
- **Erik Eriksen, Ripton FD
- **Tom Scanlon, Salisbury EMD
- **Charlene Phelps, Starksboro EMD
- ***David DiBiase, Vergennes Fire Dept. & Waltham Rep
- *Paul McMahon, Waltham EMC

(25 voting members or proxies, representing 11 communities)

Kate Rothwell- MREMS
Bill Cunningham, TriValley Transit
Keith Ellery- Middlebury College
John Keppler- American Red Cross
Isreal Phelps, Collins Aerospace

Max Kennedy, Vermont Emergency Management
Andrew L'Roe, ACRPC

Guest speakers:

Scott Whittier, NWS/NOAA
Major Geoffrey Lee, VT National Guard

