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DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, 12 August 2026, 12:00pm

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



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12:00 Call to Order

Brief Introductions and Roll Call

12:03 Approval of May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

12:05 Energy Storage Systems presentation- Bob Morlino (EMD of Pawlet, Assistant Chief of the Pawlet Volunteer Fire Department, statewide LEPC chair, and a technician with the Vermont Hazardous Materials Response Team)

12:35 Resilient System Support Pods- Peter Schneider (Senior Consultant, Engineering at VEIC-Efficiency Vermont)- energy resilience pod planning framework for local governments, NGOs, and nonprofits

12:50 Updates and Reminders

- Vermont Emergency Management Update (Harry Schoppmann)
- Statewide LEPC (REMC representative Dan Kuzio)
- RPC updates (Andrew L'Roe)
 - Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (list on following page)

1:00pm Adjourn

Next REMC Meeting- Wednesday, November 11, 2026

ACRPC Office and Microsoft Teams

2026 Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference

September 23-24, 2026, at Burke Mountain Resort in East Burke, VT.

Website with Registration information and Conference Schedule at: <https://vem.vermont.gov/conference>

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan drafts

Draft LHMPs are posted here for public and stakeholder feedback:

<https://acrpc.org/local-hazard-mitigation-plans/>

Drafts currently available for Review:

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| • Shoreham | • Orwell |
| • Addison | • Waltham |

Upcoming Trainings

Registration via State Learning Management System: <https://vermont.csod.com/>

October 2026

K0146 Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) course provides a comprehensive overview of exercise design and practical skill development. Using the same terminology and processes, this course will offer activities that enable participants to interact with a range of templates and other materials provided by the National Exercise Division to ensure exercises are conducted consistently. Anyone who will be a member of an exercise design team or fulfill a role in one of the following areas of the exercise design process: design, development, conduct, evaluation, or improvement process for exercise. The primary audience for the course is training officers, exercise managers, individuals who will use the exercise and evaluation system, and individuals interested in becoming an HSEEP Evaluator for Vermont Emergency Management.

LOCATION: Virtual

DATE/TIME: October 5, 6, 7 & 9, 2026, 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. each day

PREREQUISITES: IS-120

G0191- ICS/EOC Interface

This course provides an opportunity for participants to begin developing an effective interface between the Incident Command System (ICS) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for their community by applying Incident Command System (ICS) principles. This course reviews ICS and EOC responsibilities and functions and depends heavily on exercises and group discussions to identify interface issues and develop solutions. As part of the course, these concepts are then applied to exercise situations.

LOCATION: Castleton Fire Department- Bomoseen, VT

DATE/TIME: October 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

PREREQUISITES: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800

ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff

This course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). This course expands upon information covered in ICS 100 through ICS 300 courses, which are prerequisites for the ICS 400 course

LOCATION: Vermont State Police-St. Albans Barracks- St. Albans, VT

DATE/TIME: October 28-29, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day

PREREQUISITES: IS-100, IS- 200 and ICS- 300

November 2026

Vermont Local Emergency Management Director Course

This course will familiarize Local Emergency Management Directors (EMD) and Coordinators (EMC) with major roles, responsibilities, and “how to do it” guidance across all four phases of Emergency Management.

LOCATION: Virtual

DATE/TIME: November 4-5, 2026, 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Must attend both days to receive credit.

VEIC Energy resilience pod planning framework for local governments, NGOs, and nonprofits

Rural communities are facing increasingly frequent and severe extreme weather events that threaten critical infrastructure and disrupt access to essential services. As these risks intensify, implementing innovative, resilient energy systems will be essential to mitigate the threat these events pose to communities. In line with this need, VEIC seeks to conduct a comparative assessment to determine the most effective strategies and energy system models for maintaining essential building services in small, community-serving facilities when mechanical systems fail. These services, including space conditioning, ventilation, hot water, and personal device charging, are vital for residents during extreme weather emergencies.

Through applied research, technical design, and collaboration with community partners and manufacturers, VEIC will evaluate potential solutions, design a prototype for a Resilient System Support Pod, and create a comprehensive implementation roadmap tailored to rural municipalities, offering broad applicability to rural regions nationwide confronting these challenges. Unlike fixed solar + storage models that are vulnerable to damage and dependent on functioning building systems, the pod is designed as a mobile, weather-resistant asset capable of operating independently when building systems are compromised. Its shared-resource structure also offers flexibility and allows multiple surrounding communities to rely on a single unit, reducing costs and ensuring the system can be deployed when and where it is needed most.

This project represents the first phase of a multi-stage effort to develop, test, and scale market-ready energy solutions that strengthen emergency preparedness and build rural climate resilience. Our goal is to create a replicable model tailored to rural regions, focusing on scalable technologies suited for use in community centers and other shared facilities. By equipping these local hubs with resilience technologies, this model supports a collective, coordinated approach to essential service provision and disaster response.

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