



# Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee

## Meeting Summary

February 08, 2023

### Welcome and Introductions

The meeting convened at 5:05 pm. A quorum of voting members was not present, and no formal action was taken during the meeting. All members in attendance introduced themselves and the community they represent. An adjustment was made to the agenda to give time to Evelyn O'Hara-Short the new VDH Public Health Specialist for Emergency Preparedness.

### Presentation: National Weather Service

Scott Whittier-Warning Coordination Meteorologist explained the National Weather Service (NWS) role in Emergency Planning and Response. He gave statistics of a damage and fatalities from a typical year within the US. Their support of VEM in creating realistic scenarios for exercises and the role they play in SEOC support. Provided examples of multiple page briefings for situational awareness for weather events. He also walked through their website and demonstrated all the different reports that can be accessed. Hot weather, cold outlook, snowfall totals, many options and forecasts that are updated every three hours.

Notified the group of the NWS ability to support large events. Not able to provide for a specific venue but are able to provide this service for municipalities or public safety members (fire chiefs, police, EMS, or local planning commissions. They will create a threat matrix and give direct notifications the day of event if weather outlook turns bad. They need this service to be requested at least two weeks prior to this event.

NWS contact info is (802)863-4279 or (802)658-0150

Email: [nwsbtv.info@noaa.gov](mailto:nwsbtv.info@noaa.gov)

Evelyn O'Hara Short-Gave a brief introduction of her program and opportunities VDH offers. She explained her role in the medical reserve corp. and what they offer. Gave example of vaccinating migrant workers on a local dairy farm. VDH is here to help and provide assistance-networking. Explained that she is new on the job but is learning fast and can be reached by email at [evelyn.ohara-short@vermont.gov](mailto:evelyn.ohara-short@vermont.gov).

### REMC Organizational Tasks

Since there was not a quorum present. We asked for volunteers for officers.

#### Officers:

Chair-Stefan Pratt

Vice-Chair-Michael Bard

State Committee representatives: We didn't make any changes to state committee representatives. The THIRA/SPR Representative is currently the only one vacant.

### **REMC Overview, Initial Work Ideas**

Keith Cubbon reminded the members of the upcoming LEMP cycle that begins with town meeting day. This created a conversation about vulnerable populations which Harry Schoppmann answered. He explained VEM is looking for daycares, nursing homes, facilities that may need help in evacuating and that they also need a point of contact listed. Also, the CARES program list was discussed with Betty Copeland explaining that home health aides offer information on this as part of their signing up new patient's process.

Betty also informed the group about 211 service not working for AT&T First Net service. She has already been in contact with regional representative. Harry asked that she send him the information that she had on it and he would look into it since VEM would be concerned about a lack of access to the 211 system. Betty announced to the group that Calais will be hosting a Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals on March 18 from 10-12:30 with the location still yet to be determined.

### **VEM Updates**

Stefan asked Harry about Narcan availability. Harry said he would forward information for Stephanie Bush and how to access both Narcan and training for it. He also answered a question about how the VEM is addressing quorum for REMCs. He explained that they are trying to get a change from the legislature that would allow each REMC to define what quorum means to them. Chris Violette asked Harry if the 8 hr EMD course would be recorded, Harry replied that it isn't because of the need for back and forth discussion but it will be offered three times this year. Jeff Campbell asked about 402 training for elected officials, Harry replied it will be offered in May.

### **E-Mail Lists**

If you would like to register for the VEM training, VEM funding, VEM Newsletter, School Safety, or VEM Daily Watch Officer Report e-mail lists, you can find that registration here: <https://vem.vermont.gov/email-lists>

### **Spring Flood Seminars**

Here is the link to the VEM YouTube training page <https://www.youtube.com/user/VTDEMHS/videos> . There you will find 8 short videos, broken up by presenter (NWS, AOT, ANR, Vermont Division of Fire Safety/ Hazmat/ Swiftwater team, VEM, Regional Planning Commissions, National Guard) from this year's Annual Spring Flood Seminar. You are encouraged to watch those videos and then attend one of the Q&A sessions listed below. During these sessions, you will receive an update from the National Weather Service tailored to your region and can ask questions of the individuals serving that region from the Agency of Transportation District Maintenance and Fleet Division, Agency of Natural Resources Rivers Program, Urban Search & Rescue, State HAZMAT Team, Division of Fire Safety, Vermont National Guard, Regional Planning Commissions, and Vermont Emergency Management. Please make sure to view the recorded presentations before attending these events and come prepared with questions!

- ~~February 7<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm: [Spring Flood Q&A – Northeast](#). Washington, Lamoille, Orleans, Essex & Caledonia counties. Facilitated by Harry Schoppmann.~~

- ~~February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm: [Spring Flood Q&A – South](#). Bennington, Windham, Windsor, Orange, and Rutland counties. Facilitated by Taiga Christie.~~
- **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 12-1pm: [Spring Flood Q&A – Northwest](#).** Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden & Addison counties. Facilitated by Max Kennedy.

### **E-mail packet ahead of Town Meeting Day**

VEM will be sent out an e-mail to the 3 main points of contact for every town. The e-mail included information regarding the CARES program, VT-Alert, and Local Emergency Management Plans (LEMPs) in an effort to help town's prepare for Town Meeting day.

### **February 2023 Training Opportunities**

#### **SEOC Orientation**

The purpose of this training is to provide an overview of the State Emergency Operation Center. This course is ONLY available to those who are on the SEOC Roster

LOCATION: DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

DATE/TIME: February 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PREREQUISITE: IS-100 and WebEOC State User Training

REGISTRATION: <https://vermont.csod.com/ui/lms-learning-details/app/event/04f1ce01-32df-4658-89d6-eda38e586ef0>

#### **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: February 21-22, 2023, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. each day

PREREQUISITE: None

REGISTRATION: <https://vermont.csod.com/ui/lms-learning-details/app/event/e35883cd-148f-415c-a554-4107b7533679>

NOTE: Must attend both sessions to receive credit

#### **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 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.

LOCATION: Rutland Regional Planning Commission, Rutland

DATE/TIME: February 23, 2023, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PREREQUISITE: IS-100, IS-200 or IS-2200, IS-700 and IS-800

REGISTRATION: <https://vermont.csod.com/ui/lms-learning-details/app/event/70143e5e-658a-429a-86d3-51ec164e51e7>

#### **AWR- 347 Climate Adaption Planning for Emergency Management**

This course will enhance your ability to discuss the impact of weather hazards on critical infrastructure and key resources, and explain how climate change projects will affect those impacts.

LOCATION: Virtual

DATE/TIME: February 28, 2023 – March 1, 2023, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. each day

PREREQUISITE: None

REGISTRATION: University of Hawaii: <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3229/Code: 79028>

NOTE: Must attend both sessions to receive credit

### Wrap and Next Meeting

Keith Cubbon informed that group that he will try to get a speaker on active shooter incidents for the next meeting. Especially with the hoax calls to high schools across the state today. Also discussed sending out a survey to inquire interest in touring the regional shelter in Barre. Harry informed the group if we are allowed to spend money on providing food for such an event.

Bruce Richardson used the chat to offer that an idea for a future meeting Idea - how to set up and run a warming center - rules, regulations, best practices, etc?.

The meeting ended at 6:22pm.

### Voting Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Barre City	Doug Brent, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northfield	Lawrence Rutter
<input type="checkbox"/>		Joe Aldsworth	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeff Schulz, Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barre Town	Carl Rogers, Town Manager/EMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orange	Eric Holmgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Joshua Martineau, Firefighter	<input type="checkbox"/>		Chris LaMonda
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Berlin	Bruce Richardson, EMC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plainfield	Sasha Thayer, Selectboard
<input type="checkbox"/>		James Pontbriand, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/>		Greg Light
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabot	Jenn Miner, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roxbury	Mike Dickinson
<input type="checkbox"/>		Ruth Goodrich,	<input type="checkbox"/>		Shane Ryan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Calais	Nick Emlen, EMD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waitsfield	Fred Messer, EMD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Betty Copeland	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mark Haviland, MRV Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Duxbury	Mari Pratt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Warren	Jeff Campbell, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>		Courtney Guyette	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mark Haviland, MRV Ambulance Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	East Montpelier	Seth Gardner, EMD/Selectboard Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Washington	Ryan Bresette, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>		Jon Boucher, EMC/Constable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Peter Carbee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fayston	Craig Snell, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterbury	Gary Dillon, Fire Dept.
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tripp Johnson, Fire Chief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mike Bard, EMC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marshfield	Chris Martin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Williamstown	Jackie Higgins, Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>		Will Scharzw	<input type="checkbox"/>		William Graham
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middlesex	Peter Hood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Woodbury	Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Eric Metivier, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deb Larose, EMT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Montpelier	Bill Frasier, Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worcester	Ted Lamb
<input type="checkbox"/>		Robert Gowans, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>		John Kaeding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moretown	Stefan Pratt, EMD			



Cortney Guyette

**Others Present:** Harry Schoppmann (VEM), Keith Cubbon (CVRPC), Jonathon Scott (CVMC), Evelyn O'Hara-Short (VT Dept. of Health)