



Central Vermont Regional Emergency Management Committee

Meeting Summary

May 14, 2025

Welcome and Introductions

There was not a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting, so we did not officially open the meeting.

Do to there no officers of the group being present at the start of the meeting. Keith gave an update on changes seen to FEMA. Update will be included at end of minutes.

Presenter: Devin Healy, Wildland Fire Specialist, Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation

Presented on capabilities of the department. Access any resources through VEM watch officer. Must start process through them. Offer Wildland Fire Education training- trained 460 students in 2024. Fire prevention and education, they administer the Town Fire Warden's, outreach on fire danger, and provide the fire danger forecasts. Fire equipment purchasing program 50/50 for PPE and equipment for towns under 10,000 residents, provided to 31 towns in 2024. Work with prescribed burns on state lands and the Green Mountain National Forest. Not initial attack, provide expertise, can provide specialized equipment, wildland firefighters, Incident Management Team, Line Supervisors, 3 Wildland Fire Response Vehicles and 4 extended attack trailers. Have mutual aid agreements with other States, Provinces, and Organizations so can expand capabilities. Also, the avenue if you need aerial resources for fire suppression. 2024 saw an 18x increase in October and November than the 25-year average. Advocated for community wide protection planning to allow for wildland fire grants for equipment. Regional grant writing for equipment would be ideal and easiest to support.

LEPC meeting update:

None

VEM Updates-Sid Pollock spoke about the VEM conference on September 4-5 at Killington. Registration is on the VEM website. Accepting nominations of EMD of the year link is on the website.

Local Emergency Management Plans- Due on June 1st.

Training: Effective Facilitation a 3-day training in Waterbury.

Local EMD course- June 11-12, 1-5 pm virtual training.

Currently Glenn Herrin is handling VTAlert.

Roundtable Discussion:

Stefan spoke to the group should keep an open ear to a regional application for wildland fire suppression.

The meeting ended at 6:11 pm.

Next meeting is on 8/13/25

Voting Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Barre City	Keith Cushman, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/> Northfield	Jeff Schulz, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Aldsworth, EMC	<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Barre Town	Chris Violette, Town Manager/EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	Eric Holmgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joshua Martineau, Firefighter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris LaMonda
<input type="checkbox"/> Berlin	Bruce Richardson, EMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Plainfield	Michael Billingsley, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>	James Pontbriand, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greg Light, Fire Chief
<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	James Dailey, EMD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waitsfield	Fred Messer, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jake Aho, EMC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Howie McCausland, MRVAS
<input type="checkbox"/> Duxbury	Richard Charland	<input type="checkbox"/> Warren	Jeff Campbell, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ian Stewart, EMC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Haviland, MRVAS
<input type="checkbox"/> East Montpelier	Seth Gardner, EMD/Selectboard Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington	Fred Blanchard, EMD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon Boucher, EMC/Constable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Carbee
<input type="checkbox"/> Fayston	Kirsten Savage, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Waterbury	Gary Dillon, Fire Dept.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tripp Johnson, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Bard, EMC
<input type="checkbox"/> Marshfield	Justin Campbell, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Williamstown	Jackie Higgins, Manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	Will Scharwz	<input type="checkbox"/>	William Graham
<input type="checkbox"/> Middlesex	Liz Scharf, EMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodbury	John Gordon, EMD
<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"/>	Derek Libby, Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	John Kaeding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moretown	Stefan Pratt, EMD		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cortney Guyette		

Others Present: Keith Cubbon (CVRPC), Sid Pollock (VEM), Reuben MacMartin (CVRPC)