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Tri-EPIC

Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Tuesday July 12, 2011

Harrington Hospital

Attendees:

Charlton Fire Dept. Reg 2 / PHEP Southbridge Fire	Terri Gough Kerry Clark Roland Larachelle Paul Nault Mark DiFronzo Dep Chief Difonzo John Marinelli Chief Len Senecal	Red Cross Sturbridge ACO Southbridge ACO Harrington Hospital MEMA Sturbridge Police Charlton Fire Ret.	Suzanne Billings Ron Komar Kathy Shields Don Rivers Jeff Zukowski Jeff Lavallee Ralph Harris Sr.
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Meeting called to order: 08:32

June Meeting Minutes: Accepted

Treasurer Reports: No Changes

Old Business:

+ Regional Cert Training:

Terri is working with MEMA for hosting a training class; she will contact them again today and get back to the towns and Roland.

+ Grant fund purchasing:

This item will be brought back to next months meeting.

+ Shelter Training:

We currently have members trained in shelter operations; we also have to put in for grant funding for future training opportunities for new members

+Shelter Trailer:

Roland would like to write a grant for a shelter trailer outfitted with supplies
To meet the needs of 25 people, Homeland Security has grants available for this purpose. Dudley has two trailers, one for shelter operations and one for Dispensing sites which also has some shelter supplies in it.

+Early Warning Notification:

Roland is working on options for a system that would work for us in our area, which does not rely on the reverse 911. DPH is working on a system for AM radio notifications.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas please let Roland know. Red Cross has videos as well as DVD's for tornado preparedness. Educating people is always difficult; we need a program that goes out to other locations like the schools. Suzanne Billings will see what material there is out there that we can use or perhaps we purchase some material to get out to the public. Kathy Shields and a group of Girl Scouts made a video of preparedness for animals. This should be coming out on public access.

+Red Cross volunteer:

The only real issue we found was the lack of communications, as with all emergencies this is the most difficult item. Red Cross found that Sturbridge had a great system to working within the neighborhoods.

+Radios 7 Antennas:

That is being worked on by Dep. Chief DiFronzo and he is hoping that will be working though it.

New Business:

+ Long term recovery Group - Tornado:

This is going to be an ongoing process running for 18 to 24 months.

There are three phases of disaster recovery, first phase is making sure people for are okay. The second phase is to get the presidents declaration of disaster. The third phase is to apply for the funds.

There is free legal assistance available, FEMA and Small Bus associates in all of the sites in the different communities to help people with questions.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 10:33

**Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 9, 2011
Harrington Memorial Hospital**