

MINUTES

Tri-EPIC

Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Tuesday August 9, 2011

Harrington Hospital

Attendees:

Charlton Fire Dept.	Terri Gough	MEMA	Jeff Zukowski
Charlton Police	Carl Ekman	Sturbridge ACO	Ron Komar
Southbridge Fire	Roland Larachelle	Southbridge ACO	Kathy Shields
	Mark DiFronzo	Harrington Hospital	Carlton Rondeau
Sturbridge Police	Kevin Mercier	Charlton Fire Ret.	Ralph Harris Sr.
Sturbridge Fire:	Chief Len Senecal		

Meeting called to order: 08:37

American Red Cross: Thomas Skonieczny

July Meeting Minutes: Accepted

Treasurer Reports: No Changes

Old Business:

- **Regional Cert Training:**
Terri will contact Chief Ford to see if he is interested in coming on board with the regional training, the train the trainer is three day training, each town can send two members to the training.
- **September Meeting:** This will be held at the Overlook Hotel, we were thinking of getting the Region II Ambubus for a show and tell. Also Representative Durant would like to attend.
- **Agenda items:** Roland also asks that if anyone has any ideas for things to bring to the group please shoot and email to us. Terri asked about the Region Communications trailer, Deputy Chief DiFronzo is on that committee and he will get back to us.
- **Post Office Box:** Terri would like us to get a PO Box for the Tri-EPIC in the Town of Charlton which is the fiduciary for our group. Motion and second, approved to purchase for cost of \$46.00 per year.
- **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.

- **Public Awareness Handouts:**

Terri will purchase items approved on the grant, hopefully they will be in for our next event.

- **Radios & Antennas:**

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

- **Old Home Day – Charlton:** This event is Sept. 5 and as usual we need members to come and spend some time to cover the event. We have tried a sign up sheet in the past without much success. You just need to offer an hour or two of your time if you could be available.

New Business:

- **Chief Phelps Retirement:** This is being held on September 9, 2011 at Point Breeze in Webster. It begins at 18:30 for cocktails and the tickets cost \$20.00 per person. Tickets available through Brian Ceccarelli & Mark DiFronzo.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 10:40

**Next Meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Overlook Masonic Home, Hotel**