

MINUTES

Tri-EPIC

Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Harrington Memorial Hospital

Attendees:

Oxford Fire Dept.:	Chief Sheri Bemis	Charlton Police:	Lt. Carl Ekman
Charlton Resident:(Ret)	Chief Ralph Harris	Sturbridge Fire:	Capt. John Marineilli
CMEMSC:	Diane Barletta	Charlton BOH:	James Philbrook
Sbdge Fire:	Chief Mark Difronzo	Charlton Fire:	Terri Gough
	Roland LaRochelle	MEMA:	Jeff Zukowski
Webster Fire:	Chief Brian Hickey	Charlton Resident:	Darlene Emco Rawllings
Harrington Hospital:	Carlton Rondeau	Sbdge. ACO:	Kathy Shields
	Matthew Donahue		

Meeting called to order: 08:33

Oct. 9 Minutes: Motion and accepted

Treasurer Report:

Scholarship-\$1960, Training \$1, Website \$290.44, 2012 HMEP -\$5358.69

Old Business:

AM Radio: Dudley set this up on Route 31 at their water Stan pipe. They used CERT members; they had them go to four different districts. They wanted to get a gauge of how well it worked. The quality of coverage was not as good as they had hoped for. It does work just not the way they had hoped. Dudley will not use the system; they are in negotiations with Nichols College to use their radio system.

CERT Update:

- Schedule for continuing education has been set up. They are currently 1/16, 4/7, 6/12, 9/18, 11/13 all classes are 6-10. All of these classes will be held at the Southbridge Community Center.
- New CERT program is set up to begin on Tuesday 2/26/13. All of these classes will run from 6-9. Terri will check with Elaine Materas

of the Charlton Senior Center to see if we have held them at that location.

- Terri will send out the State link, for the class curriculums to the Chiefs so they can see if any of these members would be interested in teaching in the next program.
- Instructor pay will remain at \$28.00 per hour.
- We received a CERT grant for \$6,500 with an additional \$950. We will use the \$950.00 to purchase all of the books for the next class. The remainder of the funds will be used for the class costs as far as training, instructors and class supplies including graduation.
- Bag Inventory has been sent out to the CERT coordinators, group voted to accept the bag as laid out. All six communities will purchase the approved list of inventory.
- Terri will send out the new class notification with applications to the CERT coordinators; the deadline to apply to take the class is Jan 15, 2013.
- Roland will get in touch with Gus Steeves to do a story on the upcoming program.

Infection Control Officer:

- Chief Bemis had brought this up at our last meeting however the other communities did not bring anything back to this meeting. Harrington's representative, (Matt) is attending a hospital meeting on this topic in Jan. He will bring back information for us, the process for the departments are very outdated and antiquated.

Ambubus:

- The bus was brought out for us to review. This is a resource for the use of any community in region II. Chief Bemis will send a list of our concerns to Tina Dixon at CMED and cc them to Diane Barletta.

New Business:

Grant Opportunities:

- Terri has an application from Homeland Security to apply for funds to purchase a portable trailer. This trailer would be prepacked with emergency supplies and would be stored in Southbridge. We can move supplies to the trailers which would make some room in the containers. This trailer would be available to any member of Tri-EPIC if the need occurs. The items we are looking to put into it are cots, disposable supplies, table, chairs, radios, pop up tent, cones, barriers for crowd control and signage. Chief Bemis and Carl Ekman will assist Terri with the grant.

Next Meeting, Tuesday, Dec 11, 2012
Harrington Memorial Hospital