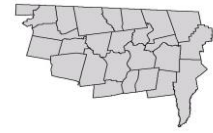


FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
 WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



Meeting Minutes: Franklin Regional Emergency Planning Committee			
Date	July 11, 2017	Location	John W. Olver Transportation Building 12 Olive Street, Greenfield
Time	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Duration	1.0 Hours
		Facilitator	Robert Strahan, Vice Chair
		Meeting Cancellation Notice	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Motions/Action Taken
1. Welcoming remarks/ agenda/introductions	Robert Strahan opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Attendees Include: Robert Ahearn, Dennis Annear, Gene Beaubien, Cam Dunbar, Butch Garrity, Herb Guyette, Chris Myers, Carolyn Ness, Michael Perreault, John Taylor, Walter Tibbetts, Dan Nietzsche, Robert Strahan, John Zellmann, Philip Wonkka, Greg Lewis, Michael Nelson
2. Review/approval of April 4, 2017 Minutes	Robert Ahearn made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 4, 2017 meeting as presented. Chuck Washer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Roundtable Updates a. MEMA b. NWMIMT c. MACC/MOOG d. FCECS	<p>a. Bob Berry reported that at the last MEMA hosted Quarterly EMD meeting Team Rubicon presented about what they have to offer the State and Local communities for emergency management services with an emphasis on the recovery phase. If a local community would like to ask for their assistance they must first speak with their MEMA local coordinator.</p> <p>b. Dennis Annear reports that MEMA is hosting a Situation Unit Leader class in Agawam starting on September 18 through the 22nd. For more information contact Bob Berry. This would be a great class for someone interested in joining the NWMIMT.</p> <p>c. The Franklin County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (FC MACC) has partnered with Tri-State Fire's NWMIMT. Currently FRCOG and Tri-State Fire Mutual Aid are working together on a memorandum of agreement to formalize the relationship. Once that is completed the two will work together to decide on activation and MACC management procedures.</p> <p>d. An overview on the possible migration of the current radio system to the Commonwealth Radio System was given. Currently the FCECS has started initial discussion with the State about the pilot program. Representatives from FRCOG and the FCECS Oversight Committee met with Undersecretary Wood to discuss how this project would move forward if the testing phase proves to be advantageous for all public safety partners. In the coming weeks a testing schedule will be released and radios will be ready for use. More info will become available as the process moves forward.</p>

<p>4. Old business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MCI Plan Update b. Hard Knox Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Robert Strahan reported the subcommittee has met several times in the past few months and has completed the plan to a level that it can be accepted by public safety organizations. The Franklin County Fire Chief’s Association has adopted the plan. Robert asked that the REPC formally adopt the plan at this time. With the news that some of the relevant organizations have not adopted the plan due to timing of meetings Carolyn Ness said she would like to accept it as a working document in order for it to be used in the Hard Knox exercise. A motion was made by Camron Dunbar to accept the document as a working document. The motion was seconded by Gene Beaubian. John Talyor lends his support for the document and this motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Dennis Annear asked who should be responsible to plan training for this plan. Discussion was had and the group agreed that the three relevant organizations should come together for training in a table top format. b. Dennis Annear reported that planning for the Hard Knox exercise, October 19 through 21st, is moving along. There will be opportunities for local communities and individuals to take part in this exercise so reach out to Dennis Annear for more information. The exercise will take place largely in the Kenneth Dubuque State Forest which is in Hawley. Thus far wide area search, water rescue, and a host of other response activities will be tested.
<p>5. New business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chemical Safety Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Greg Lewis of the FRCOG presented an introduction to Building Chemical Safety Into Climate Resiliency Planning, a training and outreach program to reduce the risks of chemical accidents at Tier II facilities in Franklin County, especially those more vulnerable to extreme weather events. Funded by an EPA grant and managed by the MA Office of Technical Assistance (OTA), the program will include two training workshops with the goal of improving emergency planning between facilities and local first responders. The intended audiences for the first workshop on November 2, 2017, 1pm-4:30pm, at the Montague Public Safety Complex, are EMDs, Fire Chiefs, and municipal officials who commonly use and store chemicals (e.g., wastewater treatment, DPWs, pools, airport). The second workshop will occur in 2018 and will invite representatives from Tier II facilities. The OTA is a free and confidential resource for any party interested in better practices for safe use, storage, and transportation of toxic chemicals. John Taylor offered a motion for the REPC to support the efforts of the program, seconded by Carolyn Shores Ness. Vote passed unanimously.
<p>6. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The UST document for sites out of compliance should have been received by all Fire Chiefs as of this document. b. Six months ago Buckland Fire Department had a challenging call when a fire was ignited due to a process that recycles/transforms used cutting oil into a usable product.
<p>7. Debris Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mark Malloy from the Berkshire County Planning Commission presented on handling the issue of debris after a large scale incident. Currently the FRCOG has crafted a plan that has been approved by FEMA. There are two actions that need to take place in the near future for this plan to be used in the event of an incident. The first is to execute a memorandum of agreement with the six identified debris host facilities. The MOA will need to state the host facility will accept debris from all of Franklin County at their site accordance with the plan. The second action is municipalities need to accept and adopt the plan in order for them to be able to use the sites. Mark went on to describe what is in the plan and how it will be very

	<p>useful to affected communities when incidents arise. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes.</p>
<p>8. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Robert Ahearn made a motion to adjourn. John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.</p> <p>Next Meeting: October 3, 2017 4:00 p.m., John W. Olver Transportation Building, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 12 Oliver Street, Greenfield, MA</p>