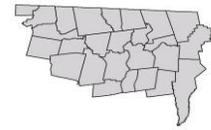


FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



Meeting Minutes: Franklin Regional Emergency Planning Committee			
Date October 4, 2016	Location Franklin County Sheriff's Office 160 Elm St Greenfield, MA	Facilitator	Robert Strahan, Vice Chair
Time 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Duration 1.0 Hours	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, Robert Barry, Gene Beaubien, David Chichester, Herb Guyette, Thomas Harding, Julie Hubbard, Tom Hutcheson, Tim Lively, Chris Myers, Carolyn Ness, Dan Nietzsche, Michael Perrault, Tracy Rogers, Lynn Sibley, Robert Strahan, John Taylor, Walter Tibbetts, Charles Washer, John Zellman, Philip Wonkka, David Hansen, William Swasey, Chris Bonnett, Joe Camden, Floyd Dunnell, Brian Noble, Mark Williams, Randy Crochier
2. Review/approval of January 6, April 19, and July 7, 2016 meeting minutes	Robert Ahearn made a motion to accept minutes of the April 19 and July 7 meetings, since the January 6 minutes were not available to review. Gene Beaubien seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
3. Old business: a. Vote to Accept MACC b. Report from MEMA	A. A motion was made for the REPC to accept the MACC program by Floyd Dunnell and seconded by Robert Ahearn. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. B. Robert Barry reported the following information regarding the Emergency Management Performance Grant program (EMPG). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline is 10/31. • The application has been simplified. • The Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing (CASL) no longer has to be notarized, but now needs to be submitted with the application instead of when you receive the contract. • There has been a broadening of choices on the Approved Equipment List (AEL). An example is that it now includes the purchase of cots as an allowable purchase. If you don't find something on the list, ask MEMA if it will be considered. • It is possible to use more options for a match now, such as your payment for reverse 911, fees for regional dispatch, EMD stipend, any piece of equipment on the AEL list purchased directly by the town (can't use items purchased with other grant funds, only those purchased with town money). • If a town decides not to apply, they can gift it to another town via an email notice to MEMA.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Bob Barry or Laurie Gifford (state MEMA) with questions.
<p>4. New business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. REPC Elections b. MACC MOOG Appointments a. Reorganization of the REPC 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Robert Strahan was nominated for the position of chair of the REPC. In addition, Dennis Annear was nominated for the position of vice chair of the REPC. A motion was made by Carolyn Ness to appoint these two people to their nominated positions. John Zellman seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. B. Dan Nietzsche described what being a part of the Multi-Agency Oversight and Operation Group would entail. Before the meeting, Dan sent out an email asking for people to self-identify as a possible member of the MOOG. As of the meeting Dennis Annear, Robert Strahan, Chris Myers, and Michael Pattavina asked to be included. At the meeting, Phil Wonkka and David Chichester volunteered to be a part of the group. Walter Tibbetts made a motion to accept the group as presented. Floyd Dunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. C. A lengthy discussion, took place about what direction the REPC should take in order to make it more relevant to emergency service professionals in Franklin County. The group brainstormed to identify the wants and needs in the County including, but not limited to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the availability of training to both public and private entities • Use the REPC as a conduit for real time information • Increase the number of opportunities to improve the public/private interface • Write plans such as family reunification • Policy creation <p>The group decided that the best time for the meeting is at 4:00 p.m. and the meeting should last no longer than 1 ½ hours. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office seems to be the best location to have the meetings. Dan will send out a list of meeting dates for the coming year.</p> <p>Dan Nietzsche asked that people submit ideas for presenters or topics to him.</p>
<p>5. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Bob Barry reported there is a weather call via MEMA this afternoon regarding Hurricane Matthew. B. Any town can declare a state of emergency. Allows budget flexibility. State can call a state of emergency. Don't assume you'll get reimbursed unless it is a federally (President) declared emergency. Then it only covers a very specific timeframe. Town does not have to declare in order to receive FEMA funds. But, it does allow a town to shift funds from one line item to another within the town budget and serves a public information purpose letting your citizens know you're taking things seriously. Please let MEMA Region III/IV know when you declare (fax or email the signed declaration). C. Make sure your WebEOC login works and you can get into your eCEMP. Bonnie Roy, MEMA, can help you with both of those logins.
<p>6. Wrap up and adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.</p> <p>Next Meeting: January 3, 2017 4:00 p.m., Franklin County Sheriff's Office.</p>