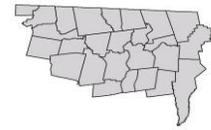


FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



Meeting Minutes: Franklin Regional Emergency Planning Committee			
Date January 3, 2017	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, David Chichester, Herb Guyette, Thomas Harding, Tim Lively, Chris Myers, Carolyn Ness, Michael Perreault, John Taylor, Walter Tibbetts, Charles Washer, Joseph Camden, Matthew Wolkenbreit, Dan Nietzsche, Robert Strahan, George Murphy
2. Review/approval of October 4, 2016 meeting minutes	Walter Tibbetts made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting as presented. John Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Roundtable Updates a. Planning/Training Subcommittee b. MEMA c. NWMIMT d. MOOG e. Bus Driver Training Update	a. No Updates b. No Updates c. No Updates d. Dan Nietzsche reported the MOOG will be meeting next on January 23, 2017. e. Mchael Perreault explained what has been happening since the last meeting. He will be working to determine a training plan for the drivers.
4. Old business: a. MCI Plan	a. Robert Strahan started the discussion with the background of the MCI plan and its latest revision. There is currently a group of stakeholders that convened to update the MCI plan to include revisions to the communication plan contained in it. It was brought before the REPC as it thought that the whole plan needs to be revised to be more aligned with the State MCI plan and to better address the particulars of Franklin County It was discussed that a group should be formed of EMS and Fire to revisit/revise the plan. Carolynn Ness made a motion that a group should be formed to revise the Franklin County MCI Plan with two people from REPC, three from Franklin County Fire Chief's Association, three from Franklin County EMS Association and one from Shelburne Control. Chris Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. New business: a. Budget Review	a. Robert Strahan began by discussing the budget review process up to the point of this meeting. He and Dennis Annear have been talking with Tracy Rogers and Dan Nietzsche about the draft budget and why there is an increase. It was said that FRCOG is spending more time on the REPC than in the past and in order to continue that level of work

	<p>the amount of funds allocated must increase. It is proposed by FRCOG that the additional funds would come from increasing the Tier II filing fees from \$150.00 to \$200.00. Dan Nietzsche then reported on the each line item of the budget. Dan went on give an overview of the projects which FRCOG has been working on and the amount of time these projects have been taking versus how much time is actually funded.</p> <p>Carolyn Ness made a motion to increase the cost of the Tier II reporting fees. David Chichester seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Carolyn Ness made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Walter Tibbetts seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote</p>
<p>6. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting</p>	<p>Carolyn Ness talked about how communities can acquire funds to mitigate their infrastructure against natural disasters through the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program. She noted that it is important to get the trouble areas identified by the State prior to an event.</p> <p>The Western Region Homeland Security Council's Training and Exercise Committee has changed the way they are allocating funds. They are no longer taking applications and will be looking to after action reports to identify gaps in trainings.</p> <p>Chris Myers reports on a shelter exercise being held on March 25th at Mohawk High School. CERT and MRC groups along with emergency management professionals will be taking part in the exercise.</p> <p>Planning efforts for avian bird flu are ongoing. Carolyn Ness reported that she is concerned about how communities are not able to access information about backyard flocks from Mass Department of Public Health or Mass Department of Agriculture.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Chris Myers made a motion to adjourn. Joe Camden seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.</p> <p>Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 4:00 p.m., Franklin County Sheriff's Office.</p>