



Upcoming REPC Meeting on July 12, 2016

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The quarterly REPC meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 3:30 at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office conference room located at 160 Elm Street, Greenfield MA, 01301.

On the Agenda

- Election of a new Chair of the Franklin County REPC.
- A vote to accept the Multi-Agency Coordination Center.
- An introductory training on Spontaneous and Unaffiliated Volunteers from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.
 - *BRPC has developed a series of trainings and toolkit around the management of Spontaneous and Unaffiliated Volunteers (SUV) as part of emergency response. The use of SUVs is an important aspect of emergency preparedness planning as SUVs can allow communities to respond to and recover from disasters more quickly and effectively. However, if not properly managed, SUVs can become a disaster within a disaster. With the trainings and toolkit, we hope to put systems in place that will allow communities to better utilize SUVs when the next disaster strikes.*

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Updates

HMCC

The Western Massachusetts Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition (HMCC) completed their planning process in the early spring of 2016, and is now a standing coalition, with leadership from the five core disciplines selected for Steering Committee positions. An introduction to the HMCC concept and western MA HMCC structure can be found online at: [HMCC Spring Intro](#)

Throughout the summer and fall of 2016, the HMCC staff and Steering Committee will:

- Complete the development of a regional Health and Medical Emergency Coordination Plan
- Develop and test 24/7 Regional Duty Officer response protocols
- Evaluate the existing western MA health and medical Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and Action Plan
- Convene the first Full Coalition meeting (October 2016, exact date TBA)

Multi-Agency Coordination Center

As of this newsletter the MACC has been fortunate enough to have eighteen communities sign on to the Memorandum of Understanding. In the coming month we will be heading out to the remaining town which we have not met with yet to discuss this wonderful opportunity.

Equipment has been ordered for the MACC. The list includes,

- Business class all-in-one printer/scanner/copier/fax machine
- Projector and 80" Screen
- Cases which all equipment will be stored in
- Two Motorola APX8000 Radios
- More to come!

Regionalization Projects

There is a call from select Franklin County Fire Chiefs for a study to be performed examining how different fire service

relationships may improve effectiveness and efficiency. As of this newsletter four departments have officially signed on and FRCOG will be reaching out to others for their decision on joining the study. If your department would like to get involved please contact Dan Nietsche at 413-774-3167x105 or email at dnietsche@frcog.org.

Upcoming Trainings and Workshops

RFA Ethanol Emergency Response Train the Trainer Webinar July 14th or August 31st

RFA and TRANSCAER® are hosting two webinar training opportunities titled "Train the Trainer" to members and their emergency response teams. Professional hazmat trainer Richard Miller of the International Association of Fire Chiefs will teach individuals how to train others in ethanol emergency response tactics and procedures. These webinars will take place Thursday, July 14, 2016 and August 31, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. CDT via WebEx and will be FREE to attend. [Click Here for More Info](#)

Resources

HURREVAC INFO

<http://www.hurrevac.com/>

HURREVAC is the decision support tool of the National Hurricane Program, administered by FEMA, the USACE, and the NOAA National Hurricane Center.

Hurrevac is really geared towards the coastal regions but a wealth of information can be had from it for emergency management professionals in Franklin County.

MEMA 2016 Hurricane Seminar

If you happened to miss MEMA's 2016 Hurricane Seminar but would like to see the slides from the presentations please click on the link [Slides](#).

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