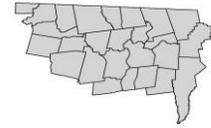


**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
 WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



Meeting Minutes: Franklin Regional Emergency Planning Committee			
Date	July 17, 2018	Location	John W. Olver Transportation Building 12 Olive Street, Greenfield
Time	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Duration	1.0 Hours
		Facilitator	Dennis Annear, 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: Gene Beaubien, Cam Dunbar, Herb Guyette, Carolyn Shores-Ness, Robert Strahan, Phil Wonkka, John Zellmann, Laurie McComb, Mark Williams, GW Murphy, Kevin French, Dan Nietsche
2. Review/approval of April 3, 2018 Minutes	GW Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 3, 2018, meeting as presented. Phil Wonkka seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Roundtable Updates a. MEMA b. NWMIMT c. FCECS	<p>A. Nothing to Report</p> <p>B. Robert Strahan reported on a tractor trailer accident which happened a few weeks ago on Route 91. The accident resulted in the death of the driver and 300 to 400 gallons of gasoline spilled. An after action report meeting was held at South Deerfield fire house soon after the incident had been cleared. The outcomes of the meeting determined there were some problems with coordination of resources which responded to the incident. There were organizations requesting resources that were not coordinated or in the correct procedure which caused confusion. During the course of the incident the Whately Elementary School needed to be evacuated. It was reported at the AAR meeting the evacuation went well. The NWMIMT set up a command post, and local and state assets were used. Carolyn Shores-Ness asked if any ideas for training came from the AAR meeting. Robert responded that no additional training was needed.</p> <p>C. Dan Nietsche reported out on this topic. The Department of Telecommunication has approved Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's request to increase the E911 surcharge. This means EOPSS' state-wide radio improvement project can begin which also mean there is money available to bring Franklin County onto their system. The money will start to become available in January 2019 but EOPSS may start spending funds in</p>

	<p>anticipation of the receipts from the surcharge. EOPSS still considers us a priority. There is the possibility that EOPSS tells Franklin County public safety organizations they will get a certain type of radio and if any department would like a more expensive model then the department would need to pay the difference. At the time of the meeting EOPSS has not discussed charging Franklin County public safety organizations user fees to be on the system. FRCOG will be holding informational meetings about the options presented before the towns in the next few months. If you have any questions about this project please call Dan Nietzsche at 413-774-3167x105 or email him at <a href="mailto:dnietsche@frcog.org">dnietsche@frcog.org</a>.</p>
<p>4. New Business  a. Deerfield River Tabletop Exercise</p>	<p>Carolyn Shores-Ness reported on the Deerfield River Tabletop Exercise (TTX) is currently being developed. It will take place on November 3, 2018 and will include those towns which are affected by flooding along the Deerfield River. The scenario will follow closely what is being designed/exercised in the Vigilant Guard Exercise. There will be a planning meeting for the TTX on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> at Deerfield Town Hall.</p> <p>Carolyn also reported that the Emergency Action plan which Great River Hydro is supposed to have completed by now has still not been done. Great River Hydro is now expecting it to be completed by the end of August. At this time we still do not have phone numbers to administrators. Carolyn would like assurance that they are working with Bear Swamp.</p>
<p>5. Update / Questions / AAR Discussion</p>	<p>Robert Strahan reported on the status of the Franklin County drone program which was funded by a collection of towns who gave their EMPG funds to Greenfield. Greenfield will host the program and be available when needed to fly the drone. Greenfield is almost there with final approval for DHS and FEMA coming shortly. DHS and FEMA had some concerns about openness and transparency. Greenfield did order a drone that was not part of the EMPG grant funding and it is available now. The money Greenfield received bought the drone and paid for training but it will be without thermal imagery. If any communities would like to donate their EMPG money for purchase of the thermal imagery equipment Greenfield will gladly accept it to help improve the drone program. The equipment is expected to cost several thousand dollars.</p>

Cam Dunbar reported the WRHSAC mister tent at the Green River Festival was well received with many people taking advantage of the asset on the hot weekend. Additional equipment used included light towers, gators, barriers, radios, and the MEMA mobile EOC.



6. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting

John Zellmann made a motion to adjourn. Cam Dunbar seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018, 4:00 p.m., John W. Olver Transportation Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 12 Oliver Street, Greenfield, MA