

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



Meeting Minutes: Franklin Regional Emergency Planning Committee			
Date	April 2, 2019	Location	John W. Olver Transportation Building 12 Olive Street, Greenfield
Time	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Duration	1.5 Hours
		Facilitator	
		Meeting Cancellation Notice	413-774-3167 x153

Agenda Items	Motions/Action Taken
1. Welcoming remarks/ agenda/introductions	The meeting opened at 4:05 p.m. Attendees Include: Dennis Annear, Bob Barry, Gene Beaubien, Deb Coutinho, Kevin French, Herb Guyette, Carmela Lanza-Weil, Tim Lively, Chris Myers, Carolyn Shores-Ness, Michael Perrault, Tracy Rogers, Xander Sylvain, John Taylor, Walter Tibbetts, Mark Williams, Phil Wonkka, John Zellmann, Dan Nietzsche,
2. Review/approval of January 15, 2019 Minutes	Walter Tibbetts made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting as presented. John Zellmann seconded the motion. The motion passed with 18 people responding in the affirmative and 1 abstaining.
3. Roundtable Updates a. MEMA b. NWMIMT c. FCECS	<p>A. Bob Barry reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the date for the quarterly EMD meeting – May 23rd. There will be two sessions. • There will be a competitive grant offered for unused funds from the last EMPG round. More information to follow from MEMA. <p>B. The Incident Management Team is currently on stand-by and unable to deploy due to not yet receiving reimbursement from the last few deployments. They are currently working with the state legislative delegation to create a state funded revolving fund which would allow them to deploy without having to rely on receiving reimbursement to fund their next deployment. Reimbursement can sometimes take over a year to receive.</p> <p>C. In February FRCOG representatives met with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) along with our State and Federal legislative delegation in Northampton. The goal for this meeting was to increase EOPSS' commitment to bringing on Franklin County's public safety stakeholders to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Interoperable Radio System. At that meeting, EOPSS reiterated that they understood Franklin County's issues with its current system and is working to make us a priority.</p>

	<p>In March the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security sent FRCOG the statement of work for the engineering study that is need for the project to move forward. EOPSS made numerous changes to the original document. Those changes made it clear that Franklin County is included in the engineering study and for the vendor to make us a priority when developing the schedule. The FRCOG was recently told that a vendor, Mission Critical Partners, was selected and a kick off meeting was held. At that meeting the statement of work for the CoMIRS project was reviewed and updated. Franklin County figured prominently in the edits to the original statement of work. This means that the engineering study will include how the current state radio system will need to be altered to bring Franklin County public safety stakeholders onto CoMIRS</p>
<p>4. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FY20 HMEP Application Ideas b. Election of Vice- Chairperson c. Medical Reserve Corp Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. There were two ideas for future exercises. The group would like to see the next round of HMEP funding be used for exercises. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the hazmat exercise in Whately as a model for a future exercise. What made that exercise format one to replicate was the addition of mentors to assist players as they move through the incident. It seemed that format allowed for a greater educational experience. • Collaborate with Baystate Franklin Medical on an exercise to incorporate their mobile decontamination unit into a hazmat incident. b. After a call for nominations, Carolyn Shores-Ness made a motion to appoint Herb Guyette as Vice Chair of the REPC. John Zellmann seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. c. Carmela Lanza-Weil opened the discussion about the Franklin County Medical Reserve Corps. As of this meeting, the Franklin County MRC has about 50 volunteers. She reported the Medical Reserve Corps is a community-based, civilian volunteer program that helps build and support the public health infrastructure of communities. Each MRC unit is organized and trained to address a wide range of challenges from public health education to disaster response. In addition to medical related incidents the MRC can supply volunteers to assist in other scenarios including shelter operations. Carmela was asked what the difference between MRC and CERT was. She responded there is a lot of overlap between MRC and CERT. This is especially true in Franklin County because there is no CERT team. If you need assistance you can call Carmela or Corinne and they will dispatch the volunteers. Carmela will look into getting MRC leadership contact information to Shelburne Control to make dispatching MRC members more available. <p>For more information www.wmmrc.org Carmela Lanza-Weil – carmela@wmmrc.org – 508-750-1439 Corrine McKeown - CMcKeown@wmmrc.org – 413-539-4115</p>

5. Update / Questions / AAR Discussion	None
6. Business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting	None
7. Adjourn	<p>Chief Zellmann made a motion to adjourn. Chief Wonkka seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.</p> <p>Next Meeting: July 2, 2019, 4:00 p.m., John W. Olver Transportation Building, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 12 Oliver Street, Greenfield, MA</p>