

GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes from April 5, 2019

Department of Public Safety

State Emergency Operations Center, Waterbury, VT

Members/Designee present:

Gen. Michael Dubie
Bradley Ferland
Michael Burke
Barbara Neal
John Quin

Dep. Commissioner Christopher Herrick
Dep. Adj. Gen. Ken Gragg
Dan Lindley
Roger Marcoux
Robert Schlachter

Director Erica Bornemann
Col. Matthew Birmingham
Bradley Reed
Eugenia Cowles
Chris Bell

Guests present:

Jessica Stolz
Kevin Lane

Sue Sharbino
Bret LaRose

Chip Deasy
Erin Magee

Ben Rose
Rob Evans

Natalie Elvidge Nick Andersen

Welcome and Opening 9:00 a.m. Gen. Michael Dubie, Chair

Welcome and introductions

Chair entertains a motion to accept the December 12, 2018 minutes. 1st motion by Col. Matthew Birmingham and 2nd motion by Robert Schlachter. All in favor, none opposed.

Homeland Security Grant Program FY 19 Priorities Natalie Elvidge, HSU PowerPoint Presentation
Overview of funding allocation priorities, timeline and factors needed to support funding initiatives identified by the State's Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). A follow up meeting in 3 months to review how the grant was spent. Gen. Dubie asked for a vote on the HSGP budget as presented in the brief. Roger Marcoux made the 1st motion to accept the information as presented, 2nd motion by Bradley Reed, accepted, all in favor, none opposed.

Sheriff Marcoux requested a breakdown of the HSGP grant application at the next meeting which was agreed to by the group.

School Safety Update Rob Evans, VT School Safety Ctr & Sunni Eriksen, VEM Grants Program Mgr
Rob Evans and Sunni Eriksen gave an overview of the School Safety initiatives from the Vermont School Safety Center. A portion of the movie "Echoes of Columbine" was shown.

Emergency Management Performance Grant FY 19 Priorities Erin Magee, VEM Planning Section Chief
PowerPoint Presentation

Overview of the EMPG program, funding priorities and changes. EMPG funds planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercising.

VT Fire Service Presentation Bradley Reed, Professional Firefighters of VT PowerPoint Presentation
Overview of Vermont's Fire Service structure; career, paid on-call or volunteer fire fighters. Analysis of incidents and the effects on service, as well as challenges and emerging threats.

Cyber Security Update Nicholas Andersen, Agency of Digital Services
Global landscape, cost assessment and overview of Vermont's strengths and vulnerabilities.

Closing discussion

Dept. of Health present at the next meeting, in early June, on health threats and challenges facing Vermont and preparations.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

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