

LAMOILLE COUNTY Regional Emergency Management Committee
MINUTES August 11, 2025 Hybrid Meeting – 6:00 PM

Approved:

Community/ Mode	Representative		Community/ Mode	Representative	
Belvidere	Earl Domina Jr Pam McKenna		Cambridge	Dan St Cyr Eric Boozan	
Eden	Jeff Hunsburger Tim Bullard		Elmore	Michel Lacasse Brent Hosking	
Hyde Park	Nicole Chauvin Brad Carriere	x	Johnson	Eben Patch	
Morristown	Jason Luneau Andrew Glover		Stowe	Tim Lambert Nick Chegvidden	x
Waterville	John Terrell	x	Wolcott	Ryan Bjerke Steve Princ	

Additional Guests & LCPC Staff Present:

LCPC: Melissa Manka, Conrad Becker

Guests: Sarah Lemnah, Matthew Ward, Trevor Braun, Michaela Foody, Andy Jones

Melissa opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Adjustments to Agenda/Public Comment

There were no adjustments to the agenda. No public comment.

6:00 Introductions/Roll Call

There was a round of introductions.

6:05 Resources – American Red Cross (ARC) Pre, During & Post Event Resources – Sarah Lemnah, Executive Director of American Red Cross of Vermont

- American Red Cross Disaster Cycle Services
- Pre Disaster Resources:
 - o Red Cross provides free smoke alarms
 - o Ensure LEMPs up to date
 - o Utilize closest Red Cross trailer
 - o Training local constituents such as shelter and shelter management fundamentals, food safety, CPR training
 - o Local EMDs can contact ARC Training Services to request paid trainings (CPR).
 - o ARC can attend local community events.
- During:
 - o Local fire departments can contact direct line for response teams, provide food and water.
 - o Local EMDs can contact the VEM Watch Officer during disaster to request help such as sheltering.
 - o Any ARC provided resources regarding sheltering are decided upon via VEM leadership and ARC leadership prior to responding.
 - o ARC also provides health services and condolence services during disasters.

- Mobile feeding via Emergency Response Vehicles working with local partners
- Distribute emergency supplies, cleaning supplies
- Participate in Multi Agency resources centers
- Shelter transition recovery work
- Post:
 - Immediate recovery assistance, health services
 - Long term bridge assistance after large disasters
 - Individuals can seek assistance up to 365 days after the date of original disaster. Monetary assistance is never guaranteed.
- Northern VT Community Disaster Program Manager: Michaela Olin
- ARC of VT tries to deploy volunteers and materials to most vulnerable communities before disasters happen.
- ARC requests that towns be able to support themselves 72 hours after disaster, they will try to be there beforehand.

6:30 Coordination

❖ Regional Shelter Mapping

- Melissa asked the committee members to review the provided map and mark up areas where residents may be cut off during disasters and suggest potential partners during these disasters.
- Towns should also review whether they are able to accept people from other towns during disasters, as well as deploying staff to other towns during disasters if they do not need to be deployed in their own town.

❖ Regional Road Closure Mapping

- There have been discussions at previous REMC meetings about using Waze or an interactive map to show live road closure among the county/municipalities.

❖ Intermunicipal Sheltering & Evacuation Planning

- Municipalities can utilize VT Alert, VEM provides trainings for town VT Alert “administrators”. VEM encourages towns to have multiple administrators for each town.
- In order to receive VT Alerts from municipalities, users must be subscribed to VT Alerts. Folks that aren’t subscribed can get a VT alert that the Watch Officer releases.
- Orleans County is developing/has developed a Regional Emergency Communications Plan, where EMDs and other emergency personnel can communicate with each other during disasters.

7:00 Situational Awareness - Lamoille REMC Members

Lamoille County Planning Commission – Melissa Manka, LCPC Senior Planner

Vermont Emergency Management– Michaela Foody, VEM Regional Coordinator

Vermont Medical Reserve Corps– Matthew Ward, VDH Public Health Specialist – Emergency Preparedness

❖ LCPC Updates

- LCPC submitted ~10 CDBG-DR grant pre-applications.
- LCPC is updating Hyde Park, Cambridge, Jeffersonville, and Wolcott LHMPs.

❖ VEM Updates

- VEM Preparedness Conference Sep 4-5 in Killington, there will also be virtual sessions. There is more info on VEM’s website, and any local public safety officials

are welcome to attend. It is free. The next Red Cross fundamentals course will be at this conference.

❖ **VDH Updates**

- Be mindful of the heat this next week and promote cooling centers to the public.

Other Business/Future Meeting Topics & Trainings

❖ **Officers (Vice Chair) & Committee Reps (LEPC, THIRA, IPPW)**

❖ **Draft Bylaws**

❖ **Draft Minutes**

❖ **Lamoille EMD Contact Information**

❖ **Future meeting topics**

- REMC members can vote in proxy through the other REMC member in their municipality for up to a year.
- Trevor Braun promoted the Vermont Public Safety Communications Task Force Report.

Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08

Next Meeting: September 29, 2025