

MINUTES OF THE 11/02/09 SERC MEETING

DATE: November 30, 2009

TO: Members of the RI State Emergency Response Commission

FROM: Ann Bell, Recording Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the November 2, 2009 Meeting

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul D'Abbraccio RIEMA

Gina Friedman DEM

Michael Dillon Chief, Providence Fire LEPC 5

Steve Preston Woonsocket Fire, LEPC 1

Jim Ball DEM

William Giannini Training Committee

Jim Gaffey EPA Region I

Kevin Quinn LEPC 4

David Medeiros RISP, Commercial Truck

David DiMaio Cranston Fire, LEPC 3

Michael Carey East Providence Fire, LEPC 2

Bryan Greenwood RIEMA

Mike Brazel FEMA Region I

The meeting was called to order at 1000

Paul D'Abbraccio stated the expo we did last month was a success.

New Business: Review of Secretary of State Open Meeting Regulations. Paul D'Abbraccio stated that when he creates an agenda and it is submitted it cannot be changed. He stated he has 30 days to file the minutes after the meeting. Discussion about the LEPC filing minutes because it is considered an open meeting. Paul stated he would give a copy of the Open Meeting Regulations distributed to all committee members.

Public Notification for Providence: Chief Michael Dillon stated sirens were installed at four different locations. On October 23, 2009 an evacuation plan for the Port of Providence was tested. The public needs to be educated as to how the equipment is used. Steve Kass will be working on education. LEPC also needs to work on public education. All need to be educated especially on reverse 911. Discussion on the HEMP grant and monies used thus far.

Chief Michael Dillon stated the next Planning Meeting will be

November 20 at 10:00 a.m. at FEMA.

Training Committee Report: Bill stated we ended the fiscal year for the HEMP grant on September 30. He stated we will ask for requests for training from October 1 and up until August. Discussion regarding classes through NFPA1. Gina Friedman asked if the Committee would be willing to set up training for DEM. New hazardous materials coordinators in high schools need to be educated. Gina requested a training session some time in February 2010. EPA training video is a helpful tool which can be ordered on-line. Steve Preston stated the Training Committee has a busy schedule, nine new classes. The next Training Committee meeting will be 11/25/09.

Organization of New Districts: Paul stated he had a discussion with Jim Gaffey to get formal training for the new chairs. There may be training in other states to help the new LEPC chairs. Jim stated he will look into it.

HEMP grant final report is due and requested information from other committee SERC members.

The next meeting will be 12/07/09 at 10:00 AM

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM