

**Minutes**  
**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION TRAINING COMMITTEE**  
**April 16, 2014**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal, Providence, RI**

The April 2014 meeting of the SERC Training Committee was called to order in the Office of the State Fire Marshal at 2:05 p.m. by Chairman William T. Giannini.

**ATTENDING**

William Giannini, Chairman  
Tina Ahlberg, RI Fire Academy  
Chris Albro, LEPC-3  
Tonya Colandra, RIEMA  
James Ball, RIDEM  
Paul D'Abbraccio, RIEMA  
James Gumbley, RI SMFO  
Mark Pare, RI Fire Academy  
Fred Stanley, RIAFC  
Jeffrey Varone, LEPC-2

Minutes of the March 2014 meeting were accepted as published. (MMS – Albro/Stanley)

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Gumbley advised the committee that approximately \$28,600 remains in the HMEP grant, less an unknown amount encumbered for 8 classes and the Plymouth conference.

The Training Committee needs a definitive answer from the RIEMA grant person as to whether or not Planning money can be used to the Plymouth conference.

A short discussion took place regarding the status of the Narragansett Bay Commission and whether or not is entitled to obtain training funding from the HMEP grant. Since it is a quasi-public agency it has been using for many years HMEP funding to conduct HazWOpER refresher training.

**REQUESTS FOR TRAINING** – see attachment

All requests for training were approved pending funding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jeffrey Varone asked if the Training Committee can get a ruling from the Ethics Commission as to whether or not a conflict exists if an LEPC chairman votes to fund a course for which they may teach and get paid. Chairman Giannini suggested that Mr. Varone download the forms from the Ethics Commission web site and draft initial language to that effect and bring it to the next meeting. At the same time, Paul D'Abbraccio will ask RIEMA Director Jamia McDonald if that inquiry should come from the SERC or from the SERC Training Committee.

The SERC wants the SERC Training Committee to draft a list of training priorities for which the HMEP grant can. Discussion indicated that the highest priorities are for technician training, FF Ops HazMat training, and CAMEO training.

MMS (Albro/Varone) to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned at:** 3:25 p.m.

**Next meeting:** May 21, 2014

Submitted;

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WILLIAM T. GIANNINI  
Training Committee Chairman

