



Rhode Island Emergency Management Advisory Council

Meeting Notice

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD:

May 13, 2014

10:00 AM

Clean Care of New England, Inc.

850 Wellington Avenue,
Cranston Rhode Island 02910

Attendance

Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts
Jamia McDonald, RIEMA Director
Alysia Mihalakos, Rhode Island Department of Health
Dawn Lewis, Hospital Association of Rhode Island
Susan Earley, Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
Jim Ball, RI Department of Environmental Management
Shad Ahmed, Education Subject Matter Expert
Paul Stasiuk, National Grid
Gregory Scungio, RI E911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System
Jeff Hatcher, Rhode Island Architects Engineers Emergency Response Task Force 7
Kenneth Filarski, Rhode Island Architects Engineers Emergency Response Task Force 7
James Lanni, Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
Erin Lambie, United States Coast Guard
Steve Florio, Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Joseph Arsenault, Richmond Emergency Management Association
Gwenn Stearn, Rhode Island State Archives
Donna DiMichele, Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services
John Washburn Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Michelle Burnett, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Armand Randolph, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Dave Eaton, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Tom Guthlein, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency
Lori Needham, RI Broadcasters Association
Joseph McCooley, Rhode Island Courts
Marian Juskuv, EMA North Smithfield
John Wojcik, EMA North Smithfield
Mi Ok Bruining, Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Claribel Serrano, Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Vladimir Ibarra, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

I. Call to Order Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts

Chair Roberts discussed the engagement of several agencies represented in EMAC within the RI Executive Climate Change Council (RIEC3). Some of the agencies involved include the Department of Administration, the RI Emergency Management Agency, the RI Department of Environmental Management, the RI Department of Transportation, HEALTH, CRMC, and the RI Department of Energy.

The RIEC3 report was released last week “A Resilient Rhode Island: Being Practical About Climate Change” and focuses on what state government can do to adopt strategies to mitigate, adapt and improve coordination, collaboration and communication between state agencies and the public and private sector.

For additional information please visit <http://www.ri.gov/press/view/21910> and/or the Governor’s website: <http://www.gov.ri.gov/>

II. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2013

Chair Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency Update

Director McDonald discussed the International Emergency Management Assistance Compact (IEMAC). IEMAC serves as a mutual aid agreement between northeastern states and the eastern Canadian provinces to share personnel and equipment in a major emergency. The Director highlighted how IEMAC provides more flexibility than the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, as it does not require a declaration of Emergency and their role in the Boston bombing incident.

RIEMA continues with the implementation of the Emergency Alert System (Code Red) and overseeing mass care and mutual aid. Concurrently, the Agency is engaged in a Tabletop Exercise about Continuity of Operations. The Director reminded members that the Rhode Island National Guard Air Show will take place on May 17 and 18 and that the Hurricane Conference will be tailored more specifically to policy discussions.

IV. Culmination of Realignment of Domestic Preparedness Subcommittees

Jamia McDonald, RIEMA Executive Director

Director McDonald provided a brief overview of the prioritization of issues as it relates to Subcommittee Workgroups (SW) versus Emergency Support Functions (ESF) and their alignment by RIEMA Division lead:

WASHBURN - OPERATIONS	PAPPAS- PREPAREDNESS	BURNETT- PLANNING	GUTHLEIN- TECHNICAL SERVICES
ESF 5	ESF 4	ESF 6	ESF 1
ESF 7	ESF 9	ESF 8	ESF 2
ESF 15	ESF 10	ESF 11	ESF 3
RING	ESF 13	ESF 14	ESF 12

Operations John Washburn ESF 1 (Transportation) SW: Transportation Security Group
ESF 13 (Public Safety & Security) SW: Law Enforcement Group.

External Affairs Armand Randolph ESF 15 (External Affairs)

Preparedness (Marc Pappas) ESF 9 (Search and Rescue) SW: Urban Search and Rescue
ESF 10 (Oil and Hazardous Materials Response) SW: Hazmat/Decon
ESF 14 (Long Term Community Recovery) SW: Volunteer Citizen’s Corp.

Planning (Michelle Burnett) ESF 6 (Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services) SW: Healthcare Coalition of Rhode Island, Behavioral Health Disaster Support Network, Mass Casualty Group.
ESF 8 (Public Health and Medical Services) SW: Healthcare Coalition of Rhode Island, Behavioral Health Disaster Support Network, Mass Casualty Group.
All ESFs = SW: Special Populations Group.

Technical Services (Tom Guthlein) ESF 2 (Communications) SW: ICC Group and Port Security.

The Director explained how all the SW and ESF would ultimately drive the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP plan provides an overview of the state’s emergency management system. It briefly explains the hazards faced, capabilities, requirements, and the jurisdiction’s emergency management structure. It also reviews expected mission execution for each emergency phase and identifies the agencies that have the lead for any given ESF. The basic plan then outlines the ESFs activated during an emergency.

The overall goal of CEMP is for emergency management in the state by November 2014 that consists of a Comprehensive Base Plan supplemented with Rhode Island Emergency Support Function (RI-ESF) functional annexes and incident-specific annexes, using the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101, Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans, Version 2, National Incident Management System (NIMS), and the National Response Framework.

V. Presidential Policy Directive 21 Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience and Relationship to Rhode Island

The Director provided an overview of Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD21). PPD21 was established in February 2013 and advances a unity of effort to strengthen and maintain secure, functioning and resilient critical infrastructure. The policy addresses “ all hazards that could have a debilitating impact on national security, economic stability, public health and safety.”

It calls for an update to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The update is informed by significant evolution in the critical infrastructure risk, policy, and operating environments, as well as experience gained and lessons learned since the NIPP was last issued in 2009. The National Plan builds upon previous NIPPs by emphasizing the complementary goals of security and resilience for critical infrastructure. To achieve these goals, cyber and physical security and the resilience of critical infrastructure assets, systems, and networks are integrated into an enterprise approach to risk management.

The NIPP sets forth a risk management framework and details the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, regional, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners on utilizing risk management principles to prioritize protection activities within and across those sectors. The Director went on to highlight how understanding the federal policy and how it directly affects Rhode Island will help the state create a better framework. RIEMA will create a questionnaire to be sent to the membership prior to the next meeting to facilitate the discussion.

VI. New Business, Member Comments, Suggestions

Next meeting June 10th at Clean Care of New England