

Sudbury LEPC VIP (Vulnerable In-town Populations) Subcommittee

Minutes of meeting Wednesday, May 2, 2007; 10:00 AM, Longfellow Glen

Present: Barbara Bahlkow, Frost Farm; Michael Carroll, Assistant Fire Chief; Stacy Carlin, Sudbury Pines Extended Care; Catherine Congo, Wingate; Marilyn Fatherly, Longfellow Glen; Jo-Anne Howe, Sudbury Housing Authority; Kristin Kiesel, Council on Aging

Also invited: Gabriele Cohen, Springhouse Pond; Lt. Rick Glavin, Sudbury Police Department; Martha Lynn, Sudbury Town Social Worker; Ruth Mori, Parmenter VNA; Richard Simon, Coordinator, Sudbury LEPC; Elizabeth Weisner, Orchard Hill;

Next meeting	Wednesday, June 13, 10:00 AM, Sudbury Pines Extended Care		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes of meeting April 4, 2007	Minutes accepted as submitted		
Old Business			
Updates			
CEMP	<p>Mike Carroll updated the group on the CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Master Plan). There are two components to the plan: the plan itself, and the resources needed to carry out the plan. For each area included, there are four sections that frame the activities to be conducted: mitigation, to eliminate or lessen the problem or disaster; damage, to decrease the damage caused by the problem; response, acting to prevent loss of lives and property; and recovery, work to return all systems to normal functioning. The plan covers all hazards, including natural one like hurricanes and floods, and man-made disasters such as hazardous material spills and release of radiation.</p>	<p>The plan is a major undertaking, has taken hundreds of man-hours, and once it is complete it will need constant updating.</p> <p>Part of the plan is to develop agreements with all agencies that might be needed to respond effectively in an emergency.</p> <p>Details on sheltering are still being worked out, including special shelters for pets.</p>	<p>The VIP group will help update the plan by providing information on a template for each of the member facilities.</p> <p>Mike Carroll will send a letter to Maureen Valente about the disaster plan and the need for formal agreements among agencies.</p>

CERT	Barbara Bahlkow gave an update on the CERT (Citizen's Emergency response Team) training she attended recently. The training included many facets, including search and rescue, fire fighting, triage, psychological care for people traumatized in an emergency, and more. The group is developing several subcommittees, including one on sheltering, chaired by Barbara.	Barbara has looked at the cots in the Senior Center, but they are heavy and old. She would like to get the Red Cross involved for cots (\$50 each) and blankets (\$1 each, disposable). The group is also hoping to develop an adult ed course at L/S on CEMP techniques. In a recent power failure, Frost Farm lost power for 6 hours.	Barbara will develop a list of residents who have gas fireplaces, and encourage them to invite their fireplaceless neighbors in to get warm. Barbara will also check into the possibility of having a gas fireplace installed in the club house.
Isolated seniors and people with disabilities	The Emergency Call List was mentioned at Town Meeting, and forms were available there, but no one signed up. The group looked at a bounce back card developed at Plymouth for use by people with disabilities to tell exactly what help they would need in an emergency evacuation.	It is possible that we could include an item on the annual Town census asking if people would need special help in an emergency.	Kris will check to see if this strategy could be used.
New Business			
Booklet/"Go" bag	How can we make sure people are well informed about emergency preparedness and actually make a go bag for themselves?	We could develop a booklet of information for seniors and people with disabilities to mail to everyone in town. We could make the beginnings of a go bag, with the bag, items like a crank-powered radio, a can opener, and other staples from the suggested list. We could make the kits available for a nominal sum, or provide them free to certain people.	Cathy will make contact with the Rotary about this project.

		<p>The cost of the go bag kit could be an issue, but Town groups like the Rotary might be willing to fund the project. Perhaps the Sudbury Foundation, or funds available through Homeland Security might also be available. A grant for the booklet might be available through BayPath Elder Services.</p>	
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