

**Tuesday, 14 September 2010**

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

MRC Executive Committee Members ('+' = *present*; '-' = *absent*)

+ Carol Bradford      + Bob Leupold      + Susan Sama (provisional)  
+ Marilyn Ellsworth   + Ipp Matjucha  
+ Dale Farmer        + John Stevens

08 June EC meeting minutes were inadvertently not formally presented for review and approval. This action will be deferred until the 12 October EC meeting. Pending approval, John Stevens will then forward them to Victoria for posting on the Sudbury MRC website.

### ***'OLD' Business***

#### **Appointment of New MRC-Executive Committee Members**

By formal unanimous vote, the nominations of Susan Sama and Eric Mendelbaum to the MRC-EC were carried forward by the MRC-EC members. Bob will present both Susan and Eric to the BoH at their September meeting for final appointment approval. Pending their approval, Bob will have Victoria update the Sudbury MRC website.

Joe Eiduson, a Sudbury resident, Rabbi, and EMT-in-training, had also expressed an interest to serve on the Sudbury MRC-EC. Joe has, however, an ongoing commitment on Tuesday evenings that conflicts with the current Tuesday evening schedule for Sudbury MRC-EC meetings. After some discussion it was agreed that given no pressing need to expand the MRC-EC membership beyond 7 appointed-members plus Bob, and the desired to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, Joe would be asked by John to delay his service on the MRC-EC until another time.

#### **Expanded Roles/Events for Sudbury MRC Volunteers**

Bob again conveyed his support for this idea, including the suggestion that public health and community education and information programs be developed and presented by MRC volunteers.

Ipp suggested that MRC Volunteers be invited to prepare and present a 5-10 minute 'talk' on a topic within their scope of interest and expertise that could then be delivered 'live' to an audience and/or recorded for broadcast on Sudbury Cable TV. With unanimous agreement, Ipp will draft an email 'invite' to the MRC volunteer list.

John again suggested that the Sudbury MRC might be a resource to help First Responders locate elderly persons who had wandered away from their homes or care facilities, and/or assist in relocating nursing home residents when their safety or health are threatened by severe weather events, as was the case with the super-soaker rains this past spring. There continues to be support for this idea as well as an interest in inviting Sudbury CERT members to any training in this regard. John agreed to approach this topic with Richard Simon, Team Leader of Sudbury CERT.

### ***'NEW' Business***

#### **Health Director Report/Update**

Bob reported that the MA DPH will be making Flu vaccines available to the Town in stages throughout the fall. While most doses will most likely be channeled through the school nurses to students, he feels that there may be a need for a public flu clinic in mid-late November. He'll keep the MRC-EC posted.

Bob suggested that having MRC volunteers staff an MRC canopy/tent at Town events like Sudbury Day, sporting events, etc., where pamphlets and info brochures could be passed out might help elevate MRC visibility and awareness. There was agreement that this idea should be explored and discussed further.

#### **Open-Meeting Law (OML)**

John prepared and distributed a 2-page 'highlight' of the OML that went into effect 01 July 2010. After some review and discussion, it was agreed that a greater effort would be made to comply with the tenets and procedures of the OML, especially with regard to posting meeting dates and times and with regard to meeting record management.

### *Citizen Corps Grant*

John reported that he had completed and submitted a Citizen Corps Grant proposal to MEMA in late-August under Bob's signature. From that proposal, John distributed to the MRC-EC a copy of the 1-page list of 2010-2011 anticipated goals and activities of the Sudbury MRC with the intent of reviewing and discussing them at the next MRC-EC meeting.

### *Shelter Simulation Table-Top Exercise*

John reported that Liisa Jackson had developed a Shelter Simulation Table-Top Exercise and offered to facilitate it with Sudbury MRC volunteers. There was unanimous support for exploring this opportunity further, and for inviting the Sudbury CERT group and possible other surrounding town MRCs, to participate in this training once it is scheduled. John will re-connect with Liisa and define next steps.

### *Invite to Natick's MRC Member Event on 20 September*

John reported that Liisa Jackson had distributed a general invitation for Region 4-A MRC volunteers to attend a 20 September Natick MRC event to listen to a presentation by a Natick Fire Department Captain who will share his experiences as a First Responder to the Haiti Earthquake of 2010 and the Hurricane Gustav of 2008. Marilyn expressed an interest in attending, and in coordinating with any others interested in going from Sudbury.

*Next meeting date...* **Tuesday, 12 October**

Prepared and submitted by:  
John Stevens