

Mighty Londonderry
Community Resilience Organization
Minutes - October 10, 2017

Attendees: Bruce Frauman, Kevin Beattie, Dick Dale, Jennifer Probst

1. Meeting called to order by Bruce Frauman at 6:00 pm.
2. Minutes of meeting of September 12, 2017 were approved.
3. Table Top Exercise. Kevin, Bruce, Jennifer and Richard Cogliano met at the Dam Diner on Friday, October 6 to talk about the scenario to be used, who to invite, and how the table top will be formatted.

Bruce said the invitations were sent out via email on Monday Oct 9 using the MightyLondonderry@gmail.com email address. Dick suggested a follow up email on Sept 21 and 28 asking if each who have not yet responded if they had received the previous email and to please respond.

Jennifer will be responsible for providing some light food.

One or two officers from each organization can sit at the table, with others invited to observe. Kevin wants to be sure town government people are invited. Rich will write up a situation manual with at least two modules including the time leading up to the emergency, the emergency, and recovery. There will be a "hot wash" at the end, a follow up to ask any final questions.

Rich will bring 2 or 3 observers who will note what happened, what went well, and what there is to work on. He will produce a written report within two weeks of Nov.

4. A follow up is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

The CRO will meet with Rich on Friday Oct 27 from 4 - 5 pm in the town office building to work out any last minute details.

4. VT Alert. Kevin, Kelly Pajala, and Jim Ameden (others?) were trained to use the system on Sept 19. Each is now authorized to send out an alert or message to local residents. Jeff Duda was accidentally left off the training invite list. Dick said that town residents must be signed up to receive local alerts. Others in town can be alerted, but only through the state system. Kevin will write a press release as part of an outreach campaign. This will go out to the Manchester Journal, (Vermont Journal?), and the Chester-Telegraph. It will also go out to the town email list and be posted on the Londonderry Community Forum.

The rescue squad is considering using VT Alert to self-dispatch. Other sub groups may include all town officials, the road crew and possibly Neighborhood Connections and the Baptist and Congregational churches.

5. Flood Brook as a shelter. Martha Dale is interested in joining the shelter group. Dick has proposed to the Taconic and Green School District that Flood Brook continue as a shelter. Three of the five local schools are already designated shelters. There will be a facility coordinator in May. Dick says the shelter designation will be at the top of his (her) agenda.

Jenifer reminded the group that there are three types of shelters: town only, town with Red Cross support and volunteer availability, and a full Red Cross run shelter. We are shooting for the middle type. Jennifer will contact Dave Muse for the next step.

6. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm.

7. Other business: It was noted that Kevin does not have an EMD back-up. Finding one is worth considering. Kevin said the LEOP is a written step-by-step plan that almost anyone could follow in his absence.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Bruce Frauman, Chair
October 22, 2017.