

# Emergency Management (EM) Committee

November 6, 2013

Slides and notes as of 1600 on 8 November 2013

- Meeting Purpose
  - Review current EM initiatives and issues
- Agenda
  - VY Closing Update
  - EM Project Review
  - EM Budget
  - Upcoming Events
  - Emergency Management Structure
- Specific Goals
  - Get committee feedback on current initiatives
  - Review spend plan for current Fiscal Year
  - Discuss ideas for post-VY town Emergency Management

# VY Closing Update

Discussion on way-ahead on last slide

- Every plant is unique, there is no standard template
- Approximate Timeline
  - Entergy will stop producing power at Vermont Yankee (VY) nuclear plant no later than December 2014
  - Spent fuel pool should be cool by June 2016
  - Fuel should be stabilized by December 2017
  - Under SAFSTOR plant must be decommissioned by ~2074
- Significant risk of radiological emergency beyond plant boundaries should end no later than 2017
  - Town will no longer have to maintain/rehearse Radiological Emergency Plan (REP)
  - Assume Entergy will stop funding town EM activities by FY17

# EM Project Review

- Emergency Register

- Good response to mailing, EMD compiling data
- Next mailing in 2015

Main review comments: consider including addressed (unstamped) return envelope, hold a stuffing party before mailing

- Memorandums of Understanding

- Coordinate information and/or pricing before emergency
- Appointing EM person to maintain MOUs or information

Allan taking over

- Other Activities

- Neighborhood Networks – in place, need 2 organizers
- Community Shelter – Alliance forming group
- VTAlert now available
- Windham Regional Commission drafting Hazard Mitigation Plan

Lots of capability, but current MENS system still works best for sending unsolicited calls to residential landlines

# EM Budget (FY14)

- Pay and Stipends
  - EM Director: \$13,300
  - EM Coordinator: \$4,000
  - EM Communications: \$2,700
  - Secondary Pager Carrier: \$1,500
  - Radiological Officer: \$1,000
- Exercises, up to \$4,000
- Funded Equipment
  - Laptop Computer
  - 5 Pagers\*
- General Activities
  - Communications: \$1,999
  - Generators: \$1,041
  - Supplies/Mailings: \$735
  - **Remainder: \$1225**
- Priorities:
  - Portable radio battery (\$60)
  - Antenna for backup radio (\$600)
  - \$565
    - Road signs
    - Walkie-Talkies
    - Mobile mag-mount antenna
    - Reflective vests/raincoats
    - Batteries
  - Defibrillator (\$1,600)

Items have to be EM, but not radiological, related – keep in mind that there is some money available

Cutline for \$1225

*The EM budget primarily comes from state grants, so the EM Fiscal Year (FY) runs from July – June.*

*\* Items with an asterisk provide only partial funding and require a 50% match*

# Upcoming Events

- Planned Events:
  - 26 FEB – Radiological Emergency drill
  - April – Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP) update
  - May – Radiological Emergency Plan (REP) update
  - 4 JUN – Radiological Emergency Drill
- Other Potential Events:
  - Emergency Preparedness meeting
- Next EM Committee Meeting:
  - Wednesday, April 2, 7:00pm in the EOC

Good idea to have periodically – May is good time of year to hold one, needs to be well coordinated and publicized

# Emergency Management Structure

- Key Elements of Town Emergency Management

- Glenn – Director – manage town EM program
- Glenn – EOC Chief – lead Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergencies
- Rusty – Trainer – coordinate and support EM training
- Allan – Coordinator – maintain liaisons with local residents, businesses, and organizations
- Glenn – Planner – maintain Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), support Hazard Mitigation planning
- Glenn – *Radiological Emergency Response Program (RERP) – maintain Radiological Emergency Plan (REP), manage grants, coordinate with state offices*

- Brainstorm:

- How many people does Marlboro need/want in EM?

Most Vermont towns have only 1 person doing EM.

Current situation in Marlboro is good and should be maintained if possible – 5-10 people actively involved so that if any one person is not available others know who-what-where-how

- When should Glenn Herrin step down?

Undesirable: EMD transition just as state grants end  
Options:

- 1 – sooner, so new person can come on and get paid for setting up system that will continue when VY funding ends
- 2 – later, after funding ends and town EM is transitioned back to a minimally-funded program

- What funding might the town continue? What should it?

Currently communications and generator maintenance cost ~\$2,500/year. Selectboard and Fire Company should discuss requirements and identify which services to continue and who should pay for them.

- Way Ahead?

Glenn will bring several sets of options to the April EM Committee meeting, for the group to discuss and then choose which ones to forward to the selectboard with (or without) recommendations

- EM positions
- Town funding options
- Recurring training events