

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Great Barrington Fire Station
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 8:00 AM Meeting Minutes

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION
1. Call Meeting to Order –	Quorum established by Community Group, Fire Service, Emergency Management, Hospital, Law Enforcement, EMS, and Public Health.	Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM
2. Approval of July 27, 2021 Minutes	Chris Marsden moved that the minutes should be accepted. Jim Curtin seconded. Motion passed.	July 2021 Minutes Approved
3. Treasurer's Report	Heather Barbieri reported that there has been no change in the account (\$26,621.73) this past month.	
4. OLD BUSINESS 4(a) United Way Grant	<p>We have spent about \$8,500. Heather will email the ambulance services about paying for UV lights. Heather, Chief Burger, and Caleb Stone had talked about re-upping the consultant for the regional ambulance study.</p> <p>Discussion about bringing Bruce Baxter back but this was right before COVID so it did not happen. The funding secured for that is no longer available. Heather asked the united Way if we could use the remaining money in our grant for the ambulance study consultant, which they agreed to. Heather will reach out to Bruce for current fees. It may be on a retainer option. Other options for funding including SBREPC money.</p> <p>Motion made to use the remaining funds from the United Way grant to fund the consultant, with the remaining money needed coming from the SBREPC. Motion passed. We will also be pursuing additional grant funds to offset the SBREPC share.</p>	
4(b) EMPG Grant	<p>We are in the last phases of the grant. We will be doing a Zoom tabletop exercise rather than an in-person full-scale exercise due to COVID limitations. It will happen toward the end of September.</p> <p>Part of the grant includes a match. Gail Bienvenue will be assisting Heather with the paperwork. She may be</p>	

	<p>contacting EMD's looking for any unused match funds Towns may have not used for their EMPG grants. She is focusing on 911 service money.</p> <p>The trailer is here thanks to Charles Harner who went and picked it up in New Hampshire. Electrical will be installed. Chief Burger mentioned a battery from a company (Milwaukee) that could be used to power the trailer instead of a generator. This will be looked into.</p> <p>Supplies were purchased for the DART. Scott delivered them to their trailers in Pittsfield.</p> <p>Any other equipment/supplies ideas let Heather know.</p>	
4(c) EMS Service Zone Update	No update. Caleb is working on getting the information so he can get it done.	
4(d) Regional Ambulance Study	Discussed during 4(a).	
4(e) Regional Shelter Plan and Exercise	Discussed during 4(a).	
4(f) Railroad Training	Chief Burger met with PJ from Housatonic Railroad who is very enthusiastic about this. It is planned for the fall and will probably be held in Sheffield due to track access.	
5. NEW BUSINESS		
5(a) Be Well Berkshires	<p>Morgan Ovitsky from Be Well Berkshire made a presentation on the Emergency Food Security Plan. The draft was emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. Presentation included highlights of the plan, best practices, successes, and available resources. She is looking for assistance to help initiate the plan. Any comments should be sent to Morgan at movitsky@bhs1.org</p>	

5(b) COVID Updates	Heather provided some updates on COVID boosters. They are expecting an announcement in mid to late September for approval of boosters for the general population. Currently providing them to immune-compromised patients. It is expected that the booster will be provided eight months after the second dose. Public clinics are being planned to start in October once more details become available.	
6. UPCOMING TRAININGS/EVENTS		
6(a) Advanced Chainsaw Skills	Advanced Chainsaw Skills class sponsored by WRHSAC held at the Lenox DPW on July 30 th . You must have completed the basic class to attend this class. To register contact Raine Brown at raine@frcog.org.	
6(b) Officer Down Rescue Recertification	September 15, 2021 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Springfield Police Department. Run by STS Consulting. Space is limited. See agenda for registration information.	
6(c) Basic Chainsaw Skills	Basic Chainsaw Skills & Safety class sponsored by WRHSAC. September 9 th & 10 th in Lanesborough. Register on the WRHSAC website.	
6(d) Advanced Chainsaw Skills	Advanced Chainsaw Skills class sponsored by WRHSAC held in Lanesborough on September 23 rd . You must have completed the basic class to attend this class. To register contact Raine Brown at raine@frcog.org	
7. MEMBER UPDATES	Bob Barry reported there was little damage in Berkshire County from Hurricane Henri. The hurricane delayed the preliminary damage assessment from the July rain event but that decision should be coming soon. Caleb Stone reported that Bill Hathway has resigned from decision making role at SBVAS. Caleb will provide the new chain of command once available.	
8. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be September 28, 2021 at 8 AM at the Great Barrington Fire Station.	Meeting Adjourned @ 9:10 AM

ATTENDANCE @ August 24, 2021 SBREPC Meeting

FIRST	LAST	TOWN/AGENCY	DISCIPLINES*	J	M	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Gareth	Backhaus	Monterey PD	LE		P	P	P		P				
Heather	Barbieri	Fairview Hospital	H	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Robert	Barry	MEMA	EM	P			P	P	P				
Stephen	Berkel	Alford FD	FS					P	P				
Bruce	Bernstein	AGE Triad	CG	P									
Gail	Bienvenue	MA DPH	PH										
Will	Brinker	Egremont	EM										
David	Buell	MA State Police	LE	P									
Charles	Burger	Great Barrington FD	FS	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Suzy	Colpitts	WBCR	M										
Kellie	Cournoyer	Simon's Rock	CG	P	P		Ph		Ph				
James	Curtin	Tyringham EMD	EM				P	E	P				
Allison	Egan	BRPC	PH	P	P	P							
Vincent	Garofoli	Stockbridge FD	FS										
Daniel	Hamill	Otis Police Chief.	LE										
Amy	Hardt	Tri-Town Health	PH					P					
Charles	Harner	Fairview Hospital	H		P	P	Ph	Ph	Ph				
William	Hathaway	SBVAS	EMS	P	P		P						
Richard	Heath	GB Healthcare											
Chase	Hunter	SNS Coordinator	PH										
Doreen	Hutchinson	Fairview Hospital	H										
Rebecca	Jurczyk	Great Barrington BOH	PH	P									
Maureen	Krejci	New Marlborough Rescue	EMS		P								
Jason	LaForest	Egremont Police Chief	LE										
Carmella	Lanza-Weil	MRC Coordinator	CO	P			Ph	Ph					
Barb	Marchione	New Marlborough EMD	EM		P		P	P	P				
Chris	Marsden	Stockbridge EMD	EM	P	P	P	P	P	P				

Sandra	Martin	BRPC	PH											
Adam	Mathieu	MA State Police	LE				P		P					
Martin	Mayberry	Otis PD	LE											
Edward	McCormick	Egremont EMD	EM, LBI	P		P								
George	McGurn	Egremont Selectboard	LEO	P	P	P	Ph							
Corinne	McKeown	MRC, DART, COAD	CG	P										
Emily	Mew	Salvation Army	CG											
Martin	Mitsoff	Sheffield Selectboard	LEO											
Scott	Muir	SBREPC	CG	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Eric	Munson	Sheffield Police Chief	LE											
Lou	Oggiani	West Stockbridge	EM											
Eric	Pachulski	Sandisfield EMD	EM											
Stacy	Parsons	COAD	CG	Ph										
Smitty	Pignatelli	State Representative	State											
Ronnie	Rom	DPH	State											
Michelle	Shalaby	New Marlborough SB	LEO											
Charles	Slater	Tyringham FD	FS											
Jayne	Smith	Alford Public Health	PH	P		P	P	P						
Caleb	Stone	SBVAS	EMS					P	P					
Paul	Storti	Great Barrington PD	LE	P	P									
Jill	Sweet	Tri-Town Health	PH					P						
Christine	Thompson	ESBC	CG											
Brian	Tobin	Mt. Washington Selectboard/PD/EMD	LEO/LE/EM			P								
Cyndi	Ullrich	GB Fire District	DPW											
Lucinda	Vermeulen	Egremont Selectboard	LEO	P										
Charles	Whiting	Otis PD	LE											
Rene	Wood	Sheffield Selectboard	LEO	P		P	Ph	Ph						

***DISCIPLINE KEY**

CG – Community Group

DPW – Dept of Public Works

EM – Emergency Management
EMS- Emergency Medical Svcs
H - Hospital
LBI – Local Business and Industry
LE – Law Enforcement
LEO – Local Elected Official
LE – Local Environment
M – Media
PH- Public Health
T- Transportation
FS- Fire Service

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