

Brooklyn Emergency Management / Homeland Security

Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 19, 2023, 7:00 pm

Present: Bill Skene, Aaron Soucy, Will Wheaton, Richard Dvorin, Austin Tanner and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary

1. Call to order – Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 17, 2022 – Aaron made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Richard seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. Public Comment – None.
4. Old Business
 - a. Training
 - i. WEBEOC – State is doing some training on WEBEOC which is the software used to communicate regionally. During the day and probably online. Bill will get interested individuals signed up.
 - b. CERT Training – Citizen Emergency Response Training. Bill recounted that many towns had separate teams. The regional EMDs are now looking at a regional CERT team to cover Brooklyn and neighboring towns.
 - c. FACEBOOK Account – Sara is working on updating.
 - i. Web page access – Sara is also working on this as well.
 - d. EMPG Grant
 - i. 2022 grant – Grant by the State for supplies and equipment. Resubmitted the paperwork for about \$7,000 and has had no response.
 - e. Update publications – Bill spoke with other EMDs about publications. He has hope that he will have time to update.
 - f. Future projects/goals for the commission
 - i. EOC Support – If there is a storm that we think will be significant Bill hoping that people will reach out to volunteer.
 - ii. Inventory – This has not been started. Holidays were busy.
5. New Business
 - a. Recent activities – No recent happenings. Bill did apply for an ARPA grant to replace the radios. Hoping to hear back soon. Bill filled out paperwork that will connect radios to the State Police system as well as other local departments.
 - b. Upcoming winter season – There is nothing severe forecasted as of now.
 - c. Northeast EMD Meeting 1/10/2023 – There was a presentation from NEHD. If there is a bioterrorism event and medications needing to be distributed, they are working on a plan. Each town will then get the supplies to their towns. Will work with NDDH to distribute. Theoretically as we did test kits and masks at the fairgrounds. There was another meeting regarding State training program on March 27-28 at the fire facilities in Willimantic. It's specific to each town's needs. The State is also reviewing regional shelters. School safety programs are being reviewed as well.
 - d. LESOP due in 2024 – It's a biennial report. Bill will go back through the process at some point this year to update.
 - e. Reunification Drill at the School – The drill mimicked a disaster event at the school. The school will shut down. Parents won't be able to get access to the school so that authorities can get through. Students will be removed from school, take them somewhere safe and reunite them with their parents. It addressed where additional responders may be needed.
 - f. Other New Business – None.
6. Public Comment – None.
7. Adjournment – Aaron made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary