



Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting Minutes

Here are the Minutes for the Orleans-Essex REMC Meeting, January 13, 2025

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2025 TIME: 1pm

LOCATION: Newport Fire Station, also available via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Phil Brooks.

Introductions were made. Those attending in person were: Maurice Doyon-Westfield EMD, Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health, Bruce Melendy-NVDA, Philip Brooks- Glover EMD, Sid Pollock-Vermont Emergency Management, Zachary Borst-Vermont Emergency Management, Kurtis Johnson-Jay EMD, Michael Sanville-North Country Hospital/Irasburg Representative, Chris Goodsell-Stanstead, Quebec Fire Department, Craig Ellam-Derby EMD, Gerry Nick-Lowell Fire Department, Steven Edgerly-Newport Fire Department, Erik Lavalley-U.S. Border Patrol, Jonathan Liaman-Newport Fire Department-Jeff Young-Newport Fire Department, Patrick McLaughlin- Vermont Division of Fire Safety. Those attending via ZOOM were Travis Bingham-Newport City Barb Nolan-UTG EMD, Gina Lyon-Barton Village EMD and Rebecca Petelle-Vermont Department of Health.

Patrick McLaughlin from the Vermont Division of Fire Safety did a presentation on response to the Propane Truck Incident in Irasburg in December, 2023. Several local Fire Departments as well as the Vermont Hazardous Materials Team responded to this incident which resulted in the evacuation of local residents as well as the closing of two schools.

Michael Sanville from North Country Hospital and the representative from Irasburg did a presentation on Hazard Vulnerability Analysis to include a HVA form he drafted for the town of Irasburg that can be used by other towns.

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Zachary Borst from Vermont Emergency Management introduced himself as the new VEM Regional Coordinator for Caledonia, Essex, and Orleans Counties. Zach will be replacing Sidney Pollock who will now be the VEM Regional Coordinator in another part of the state. Zachary Borst provided an update on trainings and exercises that will be occurring in the near future.

The next Orleans REMC Meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2025, at 1pm at the Newport Fire Station and also available via ZOOM.

The meeting adjourned at 3pm, Monday, January 13, 2025.