

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION
PLANNING MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Tusket, NS - 7:00 p.m.

The Coordinator, Eugene Doucette calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

He welcomes everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call was taken we had 18 members present.

Regrets from Claude d'Entremont, Roderick Murphy Jr.

Eugene notes that Gerald Doucette will be replacing Robert Amirault as Fire Manager in the EOC.

Table Top Exercise

Coordinator Eugene Doucette gives a brief overview on the previous meetings table top exercise. He reports that both groups had responded to the questions with the same type of answers. He was pleased with the overall exercise.

Western Zone meeting Lunenburg Report

Eugene reports that he and Gerald Doucette attended a Western Zone meeting on March 16, 2007 in Lunenburg.

A presentation/Discussion from Community Services- Children and Youth Licensing Program Officer regarding the difficulty that existed in granting licenses to homes without putting condition on the licenses because the homes hadn't had their evacuation plans vetted by the local EMC and/or fire department. She noted that it stated in the regulations under Children and Family Services Act that the plans were to be done in consultation with the local fire department and EMC. There is a list of standard that are to be followed.

Consensus from those present was that EMC's need training in order to do what is required. It was noted that EMO NS is working on getting a person hired and trained to do the job of assessing the homes' plans.

A power point presentation on Business Continuity Management is presented to the group. This is to show how to go about preparing a plan.

This is to prepare for any possible interruption of normal service, not just a pandemic.

A copy of the templates used for Business Impact Analysis and a Risk Analysis to be distributed at a later date.

Lake Vaughan Fire Department Exercises

Coordinator Eugene than turn the floor over to the Lake Vaughan Fire Department members for a discussion on their Training exercises which they held at their fire hall last weekend.

Eugene mentioned how impressed he had been with this training exercises and states he had

never seen such a well organized event. He was particularly impressed on the registering of people who arrived on scene. The fire departments are the backbone of EMO. All the jobs of a Fire Departments are important not only the Firemen who fights the actual fire but the people on the side lines helping with the equipment and making sure everyone is being taken care of.

The TMR radios were discussed and it was pointed out that these are causing more problems than helping. It was mentioned that going back to VHS radios was a possibly what would be happening in the near future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Eugene Doucette
EMC

Peggy Boudreau
Recorder