

**Emergency Measures Organization
Planning Meeting
Wednesday October 1, 2008**

Present:

EMO Coordinator Eugene Doucette, Warden Aldric d'Entremont, Councillor Bruce Hubbard, CAO Alain Muise, Recorder Peggy Boudreau ; Communication Radio Room : Claude d'Entremont , Claude Bourque , Sylvester Bourque and new member Marilynn MacDonald, Communications Office Francois LaGrandeur, Social Services Janine Doucette, Representatives from various fire department, Ground Search and Rescue representative Clinton Atkinson and Public work personnel Lorelei Doucette.

Roll Call: 18 members present.

Eugene Doucette welcomes everyone to the meeting and introduces a new member of the committee, Marilynn MacDonald who will be a scribe replacement.

Coordinator report- Tri Municipal Exercise of September 24, 2008

The coordinator is please to report that he is overall pleased with the exercise which was held on September 24, 2008. This involved 3 municipal EOC's., Yarmouth, Argyle and Clare. The exercise had been planned and worked on by the 3 EMC's since May of 2008 and a lot of work had gone into this event.

He thanked the Warden, CAO and Staff of the Municipality of Argyle on providing participants of the exercise with a very good lunch. He also gave a special thank to Michel Melanson for providing the committee with all the Maps for the exercise, even if the were not used as he had hoped and expected.

Eugene then asks for reports and or comments from members involved in the exercise.

Red Cross reports that they learned a lot from the exercise and felt she had been well trained by Janine Doucette. Therefore she felt well prepared and that she knew what to do.

CAO Alain reports that we learned the phone system in the EOC was not set properly. We are now in the process of setting up a main no, for emergency with a designated phone line. He also reports that the Computer and projector work well, as to give updates on the issues that were happening and the responses to them. It was also suggested that we look into making name tags for everyone involved in the EOC.

Claude d'Entremont reports that the Communications between the Municipalities was not good. They had no contact with the Yarmouth EOC at all. Radios did not work at the Yarmouth EOC. Francois LaGrandeur found that the shelters listed in our plan were not all handicap accessible. Also we don't have a list of Porta Potty providers listed in our plan.

Janine Doucette reports on the situation on having an exercise during the possibility of a real hurricane heading our way. She also recommends that the comfort centers and shelters should have a debriefing.

The designation of a reception centers needs to be looked at with the EOC.

Communication of messages between EOC's should be clearer.

Coordinator Doucette decides that he will plan an exercise in early December, with no previous information provided to the members of the committee involved.

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

Eugene Doucette

Coordinator

Peggy Boudreau

Recorder