

# **Emergency Management Organization**

## **Minutes**

### **December 2, 2009**

Meeting is called to order by our Chairman, Peggy Boudreau at 7:00 pm.

Peggy reviews the minutes of our last meeting, being November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Follow up from the meeting includes the organization on a local BEM course. John and Peggy continue to get local interest so that a course may be offered.

#### **JEPP Application**

3 applications have been submitted. The applications are for the following: reimbursement of costs for exercises and training, grant request for a projector, laptop and other EOC equipment. The third application was to get funding to support producing electronic copies for our emergency documentation.

Roll call was completed by Alain Muise.

#### **Nakile Home for Special Care Exercise**

EMO is still on schedule for December 19<sup>th</sup>, barring any major weather event. Exercise will commence at 9 am. It is a minor fire exercise with evacuation. Levac explains which fire departments will be paged, and encourages the volunteers to not sit at the department to give us a realistic timeframe. Evacuation will be done, and will be done at the Glenwood hall. The EOC would not be activated.

Sergeant Lacroix explains that if Ground Search and Rescue is activated, the RCMP must be included. The EMO coordinator invites other fire departments to observe the event.

#### **Civic Number update**

The status of the 308 North and South project is still outstanding, with no further progress on this item. The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has not returned our request to meet to determine our options. We are discussing various options to fix the duplication issue in Quinan and on Surette's Island.

The civic numbering project (free signage) is awaiting improvements to the post before issuing the free signs. It appears as if they will be ready December 18<sup>th</sup>, but we are dependant on the contractor to complete the work.

#### **Letter from Municipality of Annapolis**

The Municipality has addressed a letter expressing concern on Canada Post's position that civic numbers may be placed on mailboxes. Annapolis explains to Canada Post that this could cause confusion as the civic number would be placed on the opposite side of

the home, and that the reflective numbers on mail boxes could be confused with 911 civic numbering. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

Mrs. Boudreau shares a thank you card from Paul Longley, thanking the fire commission for their donation to the QEII Health Sciences Center on behalf of Ann Longley. The card will be distributed to the commission and was passed to Peter Hansen.

### **Emergency services provider fund**

Chairperson Boudreau reads a memo from Service NS and Municipal Relations expressing an interest to issue \$500,000 to volunteer fire departments and Ground Search and Rescue. Applications have been sent to departments

### **Kemptville fire department – cell phone reception**

A petition was signed and sent respecting the lack of cell phone availability in Kempt. Alain Muise reads a response received by the Argyle Chamber of Commerce. In summary, no official word was received from Aliant on this issue

### **E-Team**

John explains the concept of E-Team, which is a software program that assists EMO's across the province to mobilize, identify and mitigate risk respecting potential emergencies. This software allows for us to input scenarios (ie ammonia spills etc) to enable us to predetermine evacuation and other scenarios.

### **Cell phone**

John now has a cell phone, and his number is 648-4087. EMO members are encouraged to call John (especially for emergency purposes).

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John Levac, EMO Coordinator

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Peggy Boudreau, EMO Chair and Public Information Officer.