

Windham Regional Emergency Management Committee

Informational Session Agenda

August 8, 2023 at 5:00pm In-person

Wilmington Fire Department

40 Beaver Street, Wilmington

Guest Speakers:

- Stephen DiRienzo, Warning Coordination Meteorologist - National Weather Service, Albany forecast office
- Britt Westergard, Warning Coordination Meteorologist - National Weather Service, Albany forecast office

Agenda:

1. Welcome from Alyssa Sabetto, and group introductions
2. Call for any business items to add to the agenda
3. **National Weather Service (NWS) presentation**
NWS flood inundation mapping services are coming this year. The initial rollout covers about 10% of the United States, and NWS Albany is a test site, so flood inundation mapping (FIM) will be possible later this year for Bennington and Windham Counties in Vermont. This will be event driven FIM based on rainfall forecasts and river forecasts from the National Water Model and the Northeast River Forecast Center.

Pre-event training and coordination is essential to a successful FIM event. This initial training will introduce NWS FIM and its capabilities and limitations, followed by more information later this year (at our next REMC meeting, which will be virtual) when the flood inundation mapping is expected to be provided on a public facing web page.
4. Vote on quorum change, if possible and desired
5. Updates:
 - Taiga – Update from Vermont Emergency Management
 - Alyssa – Update from WRC
6. General discussion and Q&A
7. Reminders and other items:
 - Topic suggestions/requests for future meetings/events/trainings
 - The latest Vermont Emergency Management newsletter: <https://vem.vermont.gov/contact-us/newsletter>
 - REMC business – as needed
8. Our next REMC informational session will be a virtual one on November 14th when the NWS mapping is expected to be provided on a public facing web page.
9. Thank you for attending!