**Bennington County REMC Meeting**

**Thursday, September 29th from 12-12:45PM**

**Attendees:**

Peter Prieto

Bill Levine

Diana Myrvang

Taiga Christie

Ron Zimmerman

Allison Strohl

**Introductions:**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**Topic:**

Dee Myrvang, with the Vermont Department of Health, presented about the Survivermont training available to communities.

* Dee talked about the training that was developed for the region.
* Combines See Something, Say Something; Run, Hide, Fight; and Stop the Bleed.
* 35-minute webinar needs to be watched, discussed, and a survey needs to be filled out. Once that is completed, a small easy-to-grab trauma kit will be sent to the organization.
* Dee said organizations can request an in-person training after the video.
* Encourage organizations to purchase more kits from Stop the Bleed, or to make their own.
* Peter asked if it included Quick Clot. Dee said it doesn’t because they didn’t want it to be cost prohibitive.
* Dee has 50 kits that were created with a grant. There may or may not be funding available for the creation of further kits.
* Bill asked if Fire Departments can receive a kit. Dee said they could. But they are really looking for organizations that don’t have access to trauma kits already. Organizations that should really get trained and have a kit are those that deal with the public and those that could deal with hostile people.
* AOE also has a similar program.
* Webinar training first, then a discussion, then an organization can request that the PD come to do an in-person training. But the webinar and an organization discussion need to happen first.
* Bigger organizations can request a larger training. They should reach out to Dee ([Diana.Myrvang@Vermont.gov](mailto:Diana.Myrvang@Vermont.gov))
* Peter mentioned that Rescue Task Forces are municipal groups that take part and respond to these types of incidents. A course that is called: NFPA 3000 is a training that has basic guidelines for responder safety that takes this training a little further.
* Survivermont training is a YouTube video that can be found here: <https://youtu.be/RBFH1oWqXzI>
* It is also available to others outside the region, it’s for anyone.

**Other:**

Happenings and things to mention, or comments from the group:

Taiga mentioned Binary Blizzard, the statewide exercise coming un in a couple years.

Wants southern Vermont towns to be a part of the exercise by standing up their EOC and testing out communications. Taiga is around to help with discussions and tabletop exercises leading up to the exercise. Reach out to Taiga for the next steps for your town to participate ([Taiga.Christie@vermont.gov](mailto:Taiga.Christie@vermont.gov)).

Meeting ended at 12:45PM.