

GREATER SUDBURY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 28, 2012 • 9:00am
Emergency Operations Centre • Lionel E. Lalonde Centre

Present:

Armstrong, Kim – St. Joseph's Health Centre
Dorion, Monica – Volunteer Sudbury (for Christine Guillot)
Fortin, Lynn – CGS Emergency Management
Giannini, Ted – Canadian Red Cross (for Louise Trudel)
Henderson, Rick – CGS Roads and Transportation
King, Tom – Greater Sudbury Utilities
Maloney, Tim – Vale **(CHAIR)**
McDougall, Al – Sudbury and District Health Unit
Mills, Sarah – Greater Sudbury Utilities
Moskal, Jayne – Health Sciences North
Mullins, Pamela – Canadian Blood Services
Pilon, Terri – Health Sciences North
Salem, Carolyn – CGS Emergency Management
Saumur, Dan – Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation
Schell, Lisa – Sudbury and District Health Unit
Shelsted, David – CGS Roads and Transportation
Stothers, John – Emergency Management Ontario

Regrets:

Beadman, Tim – CGS Emergency Services
Benkovich, Nick – CGS Water / Wastewater
Braney, Danielle – CGS Assets
Campbell, Graham – CGS Fire Services
Carey, Barbara – Salvation Army
Charette, Nicole – Rainbow District School Board
Kennedy, Tony – Salvation Army
Lawlor, Brian – Union Gas
Lefebvre, Gilles – CGS By-Law Services
McLean, Jacinda – Volunteer Sudbury
Nicholls, Joseph – CGS Emergency Services
Rancourt, Maurice-Eric – Collège Boréal
Sajatovic, Paul – Nickel District Conservation Authority
Siemer, Mike – Xstrata Nickel
Spencer, Gail – CGS Social Services
St. Marseille, Nicole – Laurentian University

Safety Share:

Tim Maloney encouraged members to be safe when handling power tools at work or around the home. Ensure that you are using the right tool in the right way for the right job and follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

1. Previous meeting minutes corrections, approval – T. Maloney

Correction to page 3: Exercise Design course is November 7 & 8, 2012.
Previous Minutes –May 25, 2012 approved.

2. Introduction of new panel members – T. Maloney

Tim Maloney welcomed all panel members and asked each member to introduce themselves to the group.

3. Education Component – GSERV (Greater Sudbury Emergency Response Volunteer) Registry – Monica Dorion, Volunteer Sudbury

GSERV is a joint partnership between the City of Greater Sudbury, the Sudbury and District Health Unit, Health Sciences North, and Volunteer Sudbury to create a database of volunteers that can be called upon during an emergency to assist any of the partner agencies. The concept for this database was the result of cross-agency discussions during the pandemic planning process.

Interested residents would fill out the registration form and submit it to Volunteer Sudbury. Volunteer Sudbury would then contact the volunteer and arrange for an in-person meeting to obtain documentation and issue a photo ID to the volunteer.

When an emergency occurs (or is imminent) and volunteers are required, the partner agencies would contact Volunteer Sudbury and request volunteers with identified skill sets to be contacted to assist in the emergency response. Volunteer Sudbury would generate a list of potential volunteers from the GSERV database.

This volunteer registry program is the first of its kind in Northern Ontario. The official launch for this program is October 12th at the Lionel Lalonde Centre in Azilda. Following the launch, registration forms will be made available at all Citizen Service Centres and Libraries, as well as online at www.volunteersudbury.com.

Volunteers will meet at least once a year with the partner agencies for training and orientation.

4. EMO Update

John Stothers informed the group of incident that have occurred over the summer in Ontario including flooding in Thunder Bay (recovery is ongoing), fires in Northeastern Ontario (which brought to light the need for evacuation plans and memorandums of understanding between municipalities), the Elliot Lake mall roof collapse, and First Nation evacuation to Thunder Bay and Fort Francis.

The Province is holding an exercise on October 15-19, 2012 called Exercise "Huron Challenge". The exercise will focus on a nuclear emergency.

The next Killarney sector meeting has been scheduled for October 23, 2012 in Temiskaming Shores.

An exercise design course is scheduled for November 7 & 8, 2012 at the Lionel Lalonde Centre in Azilda. There are currently 14 people registered. Space is still available in the course. Visit <http://training.emergencymanagementontario.ca> to register.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

a. Pandemic Planning Update – SDHU

The Health Unit reported their pandemic plan is available on their website for those who wish to review it. Plans for the flu season (November – March) are underway. Flu clinic dates are posted on the Health Unit's website.

b. Health Update – New Corona Virus – Jennifer Amyotte, CGS EMS

Jennifer Amyotte updated the group on the new corona virus that has surfaced. This virus was first detected in Saudi Arabia. It is unclear how the virus was transmitted to humans or if the virus is being transmitted from human to human. This virus is similar to SARS and can cause renal and kidney problems. The World Health Organization is on high alert due to the religious pilgrimage that is scheduled take place in the affected area. EMS and the Health Unit are working closely to monitor this virus and encourage everyone to be diligent in your own health, including following proper hand-washing procedures. The Health Unit will provide additional updates on this virus as it becomes known. At this time, both the Health Unit and EMS are encouraging everyone to remain calm as there is no need to be alarmed at this time.

6. Emergency Management Activity Report and Public Education – Lynn Fortin

Lynn Fortin updated the panel on Emergency Management's activities over the past quarter.

BEM

The November 1 & 2 BEM course is full. Dates for the 2013 BEM have been set. They are:

- February 7 & 8
- April 18 & 19
- September 19 & 20
- October 31 & November 1

Agencies interested in registering their staff for any of these sessions are asked to contact Carolyn Salem.

EOC Support Staff Recruitment

Due to the demand for additional trained support staff members, Emergency Management has made an appeal to all CGS departments for staff who are willing to assist in this capacity during emergencies. Approximately 20 staff members have signed up and will be receiving training beginning in October.

Incidents

Emergency Management initiated a review of the Robinson Drive Gas Leak on June 29, 2012 as well as the power outage in New Sudbury on July 10, 2012. Recommendations have been made to improve the response and the communication with the public. These recommendations are currently being implemented.

Projects

Work continues on the Animal Evacuation Plan between the City, OSPCA, Red Cross, and Health Unit.

The Salvation Army demonstrated its mobile canteen to Emergency Management and provided information on the additional services it can offer during an emergency, including donations management. Partnership arrangements are in progress.

Emergency Management is working with neighbouring municipalities to establish Mutual Assistance Agreements. These agreements outline the level of assistance and support that could be drawn on from other municipalities in the event of an emergency in Greater Sudbury. The agreements also specify the level of assistance the City of Greater Sudbury would provide to other municipalities if called upon to assist.

Exercises

The Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group successfully held a field exercise at the Lionel Lalonde Centre in June to test its equipment. A provincial test will take place in October 2012.

Exercise "Dog Patch" was held on September 18, 2012. This was a field exercise held at the Vermillion Water Treatment Plant with participation from Vale, CGS Emergency Services, and Newalta. This exercise successfully fulfilled the quarterly exercise requirement for the Vale Hazardous Material Release Notification Protocol. The exercise simulated a ruptured chlorine tanker at the water treatment plant and the response and cleanup to that event. As part of the exercise, the communication protocols (which have been tested every quarter for the past 2 years) were also tested successfully.

Exercise "Touch Down" will take place on November 6 & 22. This is a tabletop exercise for the Community Control Group and their alternates to meet compliance with legislation.

Public Education

The Emergency Preparedness Month wrap up was a success. Winners from the public contest were awarded a 72hr Emergency Survival Kit or a Weather Radio.

The winning Grade 5 class was from Algonquin Public School. They received a pizza party and a tour of the emergency services facility and vehicles at the Lionel Lalonde Centre.

Emergency Management provided a number of presentations to the community over the past quarter including presentations to Vale staff as part of their professional development days, and a media tour of the facility to discuss the City's level of preparedness for emergencies.

7. New Business

Lynn Fortin encouraged panel members to share any ideas they might have for future meetings and/or future topics they would like to see discussed.

Next Meeting: November 23, 2012 Emergency Operations Centre, Azilda