SERC MEETING MINUTES – 07/19/2022

**In Attendance :** Dawn Brantley, John Viveiros, Kenyi Suarez, Marc Nascarella, Mark Munroe, Bud McDonough, Alli Sleiman, Scott Cluett, Andy Goldberg, Michael Castro, Wayne Lalicon, Jack Illingworth, Pat Carnevale, Ethan Rego, William Fisher, Jason Cavallaro, Brian Burris, Bob Barry, Bud McDonough, Katy Bellemare, Cameron Hopper, Lauren Sardella, Heather Tecce, Matthew Kolhonen, Steve Silva, David Bryant, Scott Cluett, Lorri Gifford,

**Welcome:**

John Viveiros welcomed the group and explained that we did not have a quorum for today’s meeting. We don’t have much to vote on but the minutes. He updated the group regarding the progress that the SERC has made, and he will provide a more detailed explanation during the meeting. We plan to hold another meeting of the full SERC after Labor Day.

**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**:

John Viveiros asked for a vote on the previous meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes for 02/22/22 – Bud McDonough motioned to approve, and Marc Munroe 2nd the motion. Due to the lack of a quorum this motion will be voted on at the next SERC meeting.

**EPC Certification Application for review:** Hanover Start-Up Certification.

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Jason Cavallaro for the Town of Hanover spoke on the efforts that the previous Chief made to enhance Emergency Management in the Community. He worked on obtaining full certification for the Town of Hanover in 2014 and it was active for many years. In 2019 Hanover worked on re-certification but it was stalled due to COVID. The Emergency Management team has been active – regardless of certification status. They have participated in a few exercises. The Chief and his team are working toward fully certifying their LEPC.

**Region II – Bill Fisher** Expressed how pleased he is to have been working with Chief Cavallaro. His team shows great collaboration with the town and their efforts with the LEPC are evident.

**Tier II Reporting:** There were close to 6,000 facilities that reported their Tier II reports. We are still receiving inquiries for new accounts or private facilities requesting community reports of Tier II reports submitted. We are still receiving paper reports for Tier II as well.

**HMEP Grants:** Lorri Gifford who manages the HMEP grant reported that MEMA has submitted paperwork for the 2022 – 2023 grant; they should get a response back by mid-September. Funding levels will be the same. They have distributed $106,000 to EPCs and $132,000 to support Fire Services Hazmat Trainings. They also support the Hazmat Tech Conference with $51,000 a year. The Hazmat Tech Conference will take place in September. The current grant 2021-2022 is going well; a year extension was granted to allow communities to have time to complete their projects.

**John Viveiros** explained the process going forward on documents and tools we will be using in the future to collect information from our voting and non-voting members to have a complete SERC membership program by our bylaws.

John presented a power point presentation explaining SERC and how MEMA became part of it and the important role all members play. This presentation will be emailed to everyone.

**Bob Barry – MEMA West –** mentioned that though they have a lot of regional hazmat teams out there, they are missing state agencies participation. It would be great to have participation by these agencies and to encourage others to participate as well.

**Marc Monroe – MBTA –** MBTA offers many different types of free trainings which many folks are not taking advantage of.

**John Viveiros** Shared a draft Registration Form for Community EPCs to use in order to provide accurate information to the SERC.

John also mentioned that the group is working on developing a welcome packet for full SERC Members which they will receive upon their appointment to the SERC.

We have requested 125 more Tier II licenses and approval is pending along with the final number of licenses approved.

**Regional Report Out:** None

**Facilitated Discussion**

**Andy Goldberg** requested a copy of the following:

* The current EPC map
* MEMA staff list for SERC including the PIO
* The current bylaws
* The Presentation.

John Viveiros stated that the next meeting will be on September 13, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

**End of Meeting**:

Next SERC meeting date is September 13th, 2022.