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Milk Truck Cleaning and Disinfection Drill by Louis Bedor III, UVM Extension

On Saturday, March 31st, UVM Extension, the Addison County Decontamination Team, Orwell Fire Department and Orwell Rescue participated in an on-farm milk truck cleaning and disinfection drill. The drill allowed local responders to meet their training goals while simultaneously meeting goals of a biosecurity project led by Julie Smith, University of Vermont (UVM) Extension Dairy Specialist. The drill was conducted in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) structure.

Dr. Julie Smith, on hand for the drill, explained her goals for the event. “This project is engaging farmers and community members in Addison County to learn about and prepare for a highly contagious disease of livestock such as foot-and-mouth disease.”



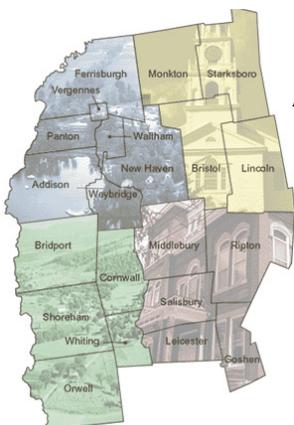
Drill Incident Commander Dr. Julie Smith with Addison County Decon Chief Peter Ochs, New Haven Firefighter and ACRPC Planner Tim Bouton, and Orwell Fire Chief Louis Hall. Photo by UVM Outreach Professional Louis Bedor III.

Commission Calendar

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11	7:30pm	Full Commission
12	7:00	Addison County Solid Waste Management District Annual Meeting
19	7:30	Energy Committee
23	5:00-6:30	ACORN Network
25	4:30-5:30	Addison County River Watch Collaborative
25	6:30pm	ACRPC Executive Board

Meetings are held at ACRPC, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, and are open to the public.



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After the drill, responders returned to the Orwell Fire Station to review responder reactions and suggestions from different team members about the unique situation they faced. Tim Bouton, wearing several hats as Addison County Senior Emergency Planner, New Haven Firefighter, and Addison County Decontamination Team member, remarked, “Trainings like this one are good for our teams to participate in. Understanding the potential challenges...make our teams more prepared in case the unthinkable happens.”

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The drill is part of an ongoing UVM Extension study which investigates the costs and challenges associated with developing and implementing a community-wide biosecurity plan. This project is funded in part by Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grant no. 2010-85122-20613 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. For more information about the UVM Extension Biosecurity project, contact Tim Bouton, Senior Emergency Planner at ACRPC (388-3141 or tbouton@acrpc.org).

Community Visit Program

Vermonters across the state know that local action makes our communities vibrant. But local action often needs support from regional, state and even federal scales to achieve goals for prosperity. To respond to this need in Vermont, the Vermont Council on Rural Development provides local leaders with the resources they need to build capacity for their communities as they look to the future through the Community Visit Program.

The Community Visit program is a way for towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on those goals. The Community Visit program, provided at no cost to communities, gets citizens engaged in working for their communities and connects them to the resources they need to be successful.

Previous Community Visit reports can be found online at www.vtrural.org. If your community would like more information about this program or is interested in having a Community Visit, please contact us at 802-223-6091 or info@vtrural.org.

Who Are the Top Three Contacts on Your Town's Basic Emergency Operations Plan?

(Reprinted by permission from the Windham Regional Commission's April 2012 newsletter)

Town Meeting Day has taken place for 2012 and your town officials are set for the next 1-3 years. Now is the time to update the contacts in your Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP). When Tropical Storm Irene hit, did you reach for that BEOP to know who to call, and if you did, were those top 3 contacts really the best? Hopefully those 3 individuals answered the phone, and then made subsequent calls to respond to the emergency. Some towns testified that their BEOP did help and they were grateful they had updated it in a timely manner so the contact information was current and accurate.

The BEOP is an essential tool in the case of a town-wide emergency. The printed document should be accessible in the glove box of every emergency responder and road crew vehicle, and easily accessible in a drawer of the desk of all town officials and in a safe place at home. At a glance, you will have the phone numbers of the local Road Foreman, shelter manager, emergency responders, utility company, VEM offices, county sheriff, Red Cross and neighboring town officials. The BEOP also serves as a reminder of which geographical areas are most vulnerable, and it provides an easy way to immediately document the first steps of the emergency operation. Take the time now to update your BEOP before you need it!

If are not sure where to locate your copy of the BEOP, contact ACRPC Planner Tim Bouton, tbouton@acrpc.org or 388-3141, and he can forward it to you.

2012 Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Applications Invited

The Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program provides technical assistance and training funds to qualified intermediary organizations (grant applicant) to develop the capacity of recipients they identify to undertake housing, community facilities,

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and community and economic development projects that benefit rural areas. \$8.61 million in grant funds are available nationally in 2012 and applications are invited (visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-21/pdf/2012-6611.pdf>). Applications must be received in the VT/NH State Office of USDA Rural Development by May 9, 2012.

Additional information, including application forms and a list of prior recipients, are available at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>. Electronic submissions may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Contact Jon-Michael Muise, Area Director, 802-257-7878 x106 or jon.muise@vt.usda.gov to discuss your proposal.

Vermont Deadline to Apply for SBA Working Capital Disaster Loans is April 25

The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes that April 25 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans available in Addison, Bennington, Chittenden and Rutland counties in Vermont as a result of excessive rain, flooding and cooler than normal temperatures that occurred from March 1 through June 1, 2011.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with a 4 percent interest rate for eligible small businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources.

Disaster loan information and application forms may be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov.

Those affected by the disaster may also apply for loans electronically from SBA's website at <https://disaster-loan.sba.gov/ela/>. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than April 25, 2012.

Planning Sustainable Communities for All

April 13, 2012

Doubletree Hotel, Burlington

Vermont has a long history of community inclusiveness from pancake breakfasts to town meetings to the sliding hill. How do we maintain Vermont's inclusive hometown values as we grow and become more diverse? Come join us in this all-day conference to learn more and explore solutions for planning sustainable communities for all.

Space is limited. \$25 per person. Call Vermont Legal Aid at (802) 863-7151 to for complete agenda or to sign up.

Training for Safe Routes to School Program

April 6, 9:00 - 12:30

The Annex at Memorial Auditorium, Burlington

The Vermont Safe Routes to School Resource Center is offering free trainings in April on the Walk Smart/ Bike Smart Vermont! curriculum. Attendees will learn how to teach pedestrian and bicycle safety to elementary and middle school-aged students and receive instructional materials. The trainings will be held in Rutland on April 4, 2012, and in Burlington on April 6, 2012. Space is limited. To register and find out more, visit the Resource Center's website at www.saferoutesvt.org.

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Schools that have participated in SRTS have seen tremendous benefits. “The Center has given us technical assistance with engineering strategies to make our routes to school safer,” said Woodstock Elementary School Principal, Karen White. “They have also encouraged us to focus on educational activities for our students and helped us develop a plan that will guide our activities over the next few years.”

Since VTrans launched the SRTS School Resource Center in August of 2011, 40 schools have partnered with the Center. In all, 14% of all VT K-8 Public Schools and 72% of VT Counties have active, registered programs. VT SRTS Resource Center staff has made over 100 visits to Vermont Schools and communities to plan, educate, and coordinate innovative SRTS projects and events.

For additional information on these or other VT SRTS happenings visit www.saferoutesvt.org or contact: VT SRTS Resource Center, Outreach Manager, Abby Mattera, 802.598.8651, abby@saferoutesvt.org.

Resilience Workshop

April 19, 8:30 - 3:30

St. Leo's Hall, Waterbury

The Vermont Community Development Association will host two workshops for community development professionals, emergency management planners, town planning and zoning staff, regional planning commissions, and others to explore and use a system for community resilience planning and implementation. Resilience measures the ability a community has to recover from disturbances – natural disasters like Irene, economic downturns, political instability, infrastructure failures, etc. There are strategies and actions communities can take to increase their resilience, and to plan for times when change comes more rapidly than expected.

The workshop is \$25 for Members and \$35 for Non-members. Visit <http://www.vlct.org/events-news-blogs/event-calendar> for more information.

Vermont's Digital Future Conference

May 8, 2012

Champlain College, Burlington VT

Broadband connections can open opportunities in all sectors and for all Vermonters. Join leaders from around the state to set the path for using Internet technology to create jobs, strengthen our communities, reinvent schools and increase citizen participation.

Highlights of the conference include:

- Welcome address by Governor Peter Shumlin
- Keynote address by Nicco Mele, leading expert in the integration of social media and Web 2.0 with politics, business and communications,
- Panels on creating economic opportunity through connectivity, connecting communities, building digital literacy and education innovation,

Find out more at <http://vermontconference.org>.

Fee: \$40, includes courses, lunch and refreshments.

Opportunity to Comment on Draft Basin 3 Water Quality Management Plan (Otter Creek Basin)

April 11, 6:30 PM

Ilseley Public Library, Middlebury

The draft plan has been completed by the agency and many community partners. The plan lays out the current condition of the surface waters and aquatic habitat, problems occurring with water quality and strategies to be taken to improve water quality.

The public is invited to attend the meetings, hear a presentation on the plan and offer their comments and suggestions.

Copies of the plan are available on the web at: http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/mapp/docs/mp_ottercreekplan.pdf or by calling Ethan Swift at 802-786-2503. The public comment period extends until April 27, 2012. For further information or to submit comments please contact: Ethan Swift, Asa Bloomer State Office Building, 88 Merchants Row, Suite 430, Rutland, VT 05701 or e-mail: ethan.swift@state.vt.us.

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