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**Grand Isle Mutual Aid Meeting**  
**GI-REMC**  
**June 2, 2025 – Draft Minutes**  
**Grand Isle Sheriff's Office, Grand Isle, VT and Virtual**

**Attendance:** Sheriff Ray Allen (GICSO), Deb Benson (Treasurer), Pat Robinson (SHVFD Chief), Bill Baron (GI EMD/VFD), Jaqueline Kelley (VDH), Mathieu Gour (Alburgh Rescue), Peter Clark (C/N FD), Chief Mike Murdock (NHVFD), Brandy Latimer (NH EMD), Adam White (GIVFD), Shaun Coleman (NRPC) and Michaela Foody (VEM).

President Murdock chaired the meeting which began at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Minutes**

*Chief Robinson motioned for approval of minutes. Sheriff Allen seconded. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Distributed by email. Deb reported the ending balance of the account is \$47,309.98.

*Chief White motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chief Robinson seconded. Motion carried.*

**Bills for Payment:** Apr. 25-June 2025: Alburg Fire for welding for antenna on water tower (Jesberger Welding): \$475.00.

*Sheriff Allen motioned to pay the bills. Chief Robinson seconded. Motion carried.*

**Grand Isle Regional Emergency Management Committee**

**Vermont Emergency Management**

Michaela reported:

- Thanked everyone who participated in LEMP meetings.
- State Integrated Planning Workshop scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> for EM planning at state, county and local levels for the next 5 years. The focus is on Public Info and Warning systems, Mass Care, Cyber Security and Operational Communications.
- State approves Child Center EM plans and not the local EMD.

Bill was following up with Grand Isle Selectboard about the adoption.

Brandy noted North Hero's will be adopted on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Updates (THIRA, LEPC, TPW):**

Brandy will be attending the THIRA meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Vermont Department of Health:**

Jacque reported that she attended and presented at the Disaster and Disabilities event held in Plainfield. There was a series of workshops and presentations on topics such as household evacuations and sheltering, mental health and preparing home emergency kits. The intention was for people with disabilities or mobility challenges. The workshops had a hybrid option and Go Kits were handed out to those in attendance. She thought it might be a good fit to host something similar in the Islands.

**Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association**

**GICMAA Status Update:** Deb reported the nonprofit status is reinstated as far as state is concerned. Still working on the Federal piece. Mike said we'll need the feds to sign off to apply for grants.

52 **FY26 Budget Discussion**

53 Deb distributed a dispatching budget sheet.

- 54 • Increase in dispatching fees from Shelburne from 41,724 to \$43,811.
- 55 • The FY26 budget is \$52,344.00
- 56 • \$1,706.60 per town for non-dispatching items (repeater work, insurance, propane, PO Box, office
- 57 supplies, training)
- 58 • \$500 leftover from last year for County Female FF camp. They had enough other donations.
- 59 • Deb will send out itemized County budget summary to agencies to bring to Selectboards.

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61 *Chief Robinson motioned to approve the FY26 budget of \$52,344.00. Sheriff Allen seconded. Motion*  
62 *carried.*

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64 **Coordination**

65 The fire chiefs met over Zoom to discuss sharing services. Mike provided a meeting summary.

- 66 • Grand Isle School, Grand Isle Fire Station and North Hero School could work for hose testing.
- 67 • Testing in July/early August.
- 68 • Chief Robinson is waiting on a quote for hose testing.
- 69 • Chief Kumetz gave an update on the statewide dispatch/communications committee efforts.
- 70 • Looking at getting final leg completed for county communications.

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72 **Critical Incident Response Team update:** No update.

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74 **App Based Response/Reporting Update:**

75 Chief Robinson gave a demonstration of First Due that Colchester uses. There was a discussion about  
76 which modules the departments would be most interested in. Will discuss at next Chief’s meeting.  
77 Rescue would like be interested in the scheduling feature.

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79 **Department and EMD Updates**

80 South Hero Fire: Chief Robinson reported they will be debriefing Wednesday at the fire station for the  
81 fire the occurred last Wednesday. No chicken barbecue this year but you can buy the sauce.

82 Grand Isle Fire: Chief White reported the new utility truck should be ready in mid-June. The old truck is  
83 on Garage.com and listed for ~\$40k. The department is conducting pre-planning work along the  
84 lakeshore for water access points. The point locations will be added to Active 911.

85 Grand Isle EMD: Bill B. reported their LEMP is updated and Selectboard will be adopting tonight or next  
86 meeting.

87 Grand Isle Sheriff: Hosting an Emergency Responder Event on July 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Creemees  
88 will be served.

89 North Hero EMD: Brandy reported the town still working on updating their mitigation plan. The LEMP  
90 was completed.

91 North Hero Fire: Chief Murdock reported that the new truck is on the way. Raise the Ladder campaign  
92 for new fire station underway. Bond vote will be held on September 16. Ron K is helping with North  
93 Hero’s FCC license.

94 Alburgh Rescue: Chief Gour reported they held a meeting last month. Fire school coming up June 7-8.

95 Clarenceville/Noyan: Peter C. reported the village will be approving water service soon. He will be  
96 retiring this summer after 52 years of service.

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98 **Other Business**

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100 *Chief White motioned to adjourn. Chief Robinson seconded. Motion carried.*

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102 Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.