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2 **Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association Meeting**
3 **GI-REMC**
4 **December 1, 2025 – Draft Minutes**
5 **Grand Isle Sheriff's Office, Grand Isle, VT and Virtual**
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7 **Attendance:** Bill Johnson (ILM FD), Ron Kumetz (Alburgh FD), Mike Murdock (NHVFD), Ray C. Allen
8 (GICSO), Eric Martens (GIR), Adam White (GIVFD), Jaquie Kelley (VDH), Shaun Coleman (NRPC) and
9 Michaela Foody (VEM).

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11 President Murdock chaired the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.
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13 **Public Comment** – None.
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15 **Minutes**

16 *Chief Kumetz motioned for approval of minutes. Sheriff Allen seconded. Motion carried.*
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18 **Treasurer's Report**

19 The Treasurer emailed the report to everyone prior to the meeting. The ending balance of the account is
20 \$69,222.14. One payment was made to Shelburne PD for dispatching for \$10,952.75.
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22 *Chief White motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chief Kumetz seconded. Motion carried.*
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24 An invoice presented for payment for Colchester Repeater work for \$6,457.50 and an annual \$300 fee to
25 Colchester Fire for use of the site.
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27 *Chief White motioned for Treasurer to process payments on the invoices. Chief Kumetz seconded. Motion*
28 *carried.*
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30 **Grand Isle Regional Emergency Management Committee**
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32 **Committee Updates (THIRA, LEPC, TPW):** No report.
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34 **Vermont Department of Health:**

35 Jackie reported that the MRC has 75 Go and Stay Kits for families with children. The kits are available for
36 free. Each kit includes standard emergency items such as blankets, flashlights, hand warmers, CPR
37 masks, first aid supplies, and more. Families can also request additional items to customize their kit.
38 Please share with families who may benefit. Contact 888-253-8801 or 802-524-7970 or email:
39 AHS.VDHStAlbans@vermont.gov
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41 **Vermont Emergency Management**

42 Michaela reported:

- 43 • EM related trainings are available at the State Training [Site](#). Register through [LMS](#).
 - 44 • The state is hosting a Threat Identification and Risk Assessment workshop this year. They will
45 need input from counties and local EMDs.
 - 46 • The Vermont Spring Flood Outlook Seminar is scheduled for January. Register [here](#).
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48 **Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association**

49 **Non-Profit Status Update**

50 Chief Murdock reported no updates. Deb and accountant are still working on back up log of tax returns.

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Budget

Chief Murdock reviewed the budget report prepared by the Treasurer. The group discussed the additional \$1,706.60 per agency non-dispatching fee that goes into effect on July 1, 2026. The new Shelburne Town Manager informed each agency that the increase was to cover shortfalls in Shelburne’s operating budget.

Sheriff Allen added that Shelburne has an interim police chief and a new Town Manager. There are other staffing changes as well.

Chief Kumetz noted that Alburgh and North Hero own the repeaters. Alburgh’s call volume has gone up significantly since 2016 when Central Dispatch provided dispatching services.

There was a discussion about how to pay for the additional non-dispatching fee. The group decided it was easier to pay it this year out of GICMAA’s operating budget than to go request it from the selectboards. For FY27, readjust the budget to account for the increase.

Chief White moted to GICMAA to cover the excess cost of \$8,544.00 for Shelburne Dispatch. Chief Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Chiefs Meeting Update

Chief Murdock requested they meet in mid-January.

Department and EMD Updates

Grand Isle Fire: Chief White reported their tanker will be out of service next week to have four new tires installed. They have new members, which means they need to buy new gear and lockers for approximately \$15k.

Grand Isle VFD will be hosting a meeting for ice rescue training soon.

Grand Isle EMD: Chief White reported the EMD had no updates.

Alburgh Fire: Chief Kumetz reported they are finishing work on the truck. Recruited a couple of new members.

Isle La Motte: Chief Johnson reported they still have a 4-person crew. A small renovation is occurring at the station. The hose order should be ready in April or May.

Grand Isle Rescue: Chief Martens reported they added a couple of new members but nothing new.

North Hero Fire: Chief Murdock reported the town will be selecting a contractor tonight for the fire station project.

Other Business

AVFD holiday parade will take place December 6th.

SHVFD holiday parade will take place on December 13th.

Shaun reported he is working on a generator grant for the North Hero project.

Adjourn

Sheriff Alan motioned to adjourn. Chief Kumetz seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.