

Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association Meeting
GI-REMC
3 August 2026 – Draft Minutes
Grand Isle Sheriff's Office, Grand Isle, VT

Attendance: Mike Murdock (NHVFD), Adam White (GIVFD), Patrick Robinson (SHVFD), Eric Martens (GIR), Ray Allen (GI Sheriff), Deborah Benson (Treasurer), Jim Benson (NH EMD), Michaela Foody (VEM), Amanda Stevens (VT Health Dept) and Jodie Delorian (VT Health Dept).

President Murdock chaired the meeting which began at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: June 2026 meeting minutes reviewed. Patrick Robinson makes motion to approve and Ray Allen seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Treasurers Report:

Review of the 2025-2026 financials. Beginning balance of \$46,834.98 and ending balance for fiscal year of \$38,431.25. Patrick Robinson makes motion to approve and Ray Allen seconds. No further discussion. All in favor.

Review of treasurer's report for August with beginning balance of \$38,431.25 with outstanding check for dispatching of \$10,952.75 and ending balance of \$27,478.50. Adam White makes a motion to approve August 2026 treasurer's report. Eric Martens seconds. No further discussion. All in favor.

3 bills were discussed. Postage \$9.55, Insurance \$2,944 and Dispatching \$14,238.60. Patrick Robinson makes motion to pay these bills. Ray Allen seconds. No further discussion. All in favor.

Grand Isle Regional Emergency Management Committee

Vermont Emergency Management: Mikala mentioned the annual Emergency Management Preparedness Conference will be in Burke this year September 23-24. Annual there is a budget for 1 EMD for each region to have a hotel room for the night. If any EMD is interested in being considered let her know.

Vermont Department of Health: Jodie and Amanda presented the "Medical Go Bag" which is a red bag that inside is red folder with documents for people to fill out that include contact and medical information, care information for pets, list of documents suggestion to include to folder such as Advance Directive, DNR, Insurance Card, Power of Attorney and driver's license information. Goal for Medical Go Bag is people to have bag or at least red folder with important documents next to their main door in case they need to be transported to the hospital, first responders can grab the bag which includes important information and patient can add other

items to bag such as eye glasses or phone charger. To get these free bags people can go to the VT Dept of Health website.

Another program discussed was the Yellow Sticker campaign which a joint effort between VT Dept of Health and Agency of Transportation. Yellow Stick to put on your car side window which states in the glove box there is a yellow folder with medical information on the occupant. Those interested can get this from the VT Dept of Health website.

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Non-Profit Status Update: Deb provided the update that she got the tax-returns and submission mailed back to her as the information the IRS agent she worked with gave her the incorrect address. Deb has a meeting with a different IRS agent this week to go over documents and get correct address to submit to.

Budget: Lengthy discussion as current FY'27 budget is \$56,954.30 for dispatching services and \$8,535 for non-dispatching fees bring the FY'27 budget to \$65,487.30. Concern was that during FY'26 Shelburne Dispatch increased their fees 30% mid-year and the likelihood that it will happen again. For FY'27 the dispatching budget was already increased 30% from FY'26 based on Shelburne Dispatch increasing but concern is another potential increase mid-budget increase as compared to what happened in FY'26. Patrick Robinson makes the motion to increase the current FY'27 dispatch budget by 30% in anticipation of Shelburne Dispatch doing another mid-budget increase. Eric Martens seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

Communication: Patrick mentioned during a recent response at the end of South Street in South Hero the Colchester Repeater worked great with clear communication on the channel. Reminder that departments need to get their radios reprogrammed to get this Colchester Repeater channel added.

Department and EMD Updates:

South Hero Fire – In process of getting a new door replacement for Engine 2 and their bay door has been repaired.

GI Rescue – New truck is on the assembly line with box being worked on. Trying to figure out an ETA for delivery

Grand Isle Fire – Reminder Grand Isle Fire Station is hosting the VFA FF1&2 courses starting Aug 27th. Thank you to the departments that helped with the procession and funeral for Lieutenant Fred Mashtare. New utility truck was delivered last month and working to get in-service.

North Hero Fire – New station construction coming along nicely. Hopeful for a November 2026 move in. Department also starting to look at a new dually truck to tow the air boat,

Sheriff Allen reminded that this Saturday is 1st Responder Day at Allenhom Farm.

End of Meeting: Motion by Patrick Robinson at 8:14pm and seconded by Eric Marten. No discussion. All in favor.