



Martha's Vineyard
REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Including : Aquinnah, Chilmark, Dukes County, Edgartown, Gosnold, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and West Tisbury

REGIONAL PARTNERS

American
Red Cross

Dukes County Sheriff
(including
Dukes County
Communications
Center)

Island Propane

Mass. State Police

MV Airport

MV DART

MV Hospital

MV Medical Reserve
Corps

MV Public Schools

Steamship Authority

MVTV

NSTAR

Salvation Army

Vineyard Transit
Authority

4 August 2014

Selectmen, Town of Chilmark
401 Middle Road
Chilmark MA 02535

Dear Board of Selectmen/County Commissioners/Tribal Chairperson,

In accordance with the votes of the Boards of Selectmen of all the Island Towns, and the County Commissioners, and the Wampanoag Tribal Council, the Martha's Vineyard Regional Emergency Planning Committee (MVREPC) was established in 2012.

The MVREPC will meet on 14 August at 7:00 PM in the VTA meeting room in the Airport Business Park. The MVREPC will be asked to vote to induct the Town of Oak Bluffs. This vote, with the inclusion of the Town of Gosnold at our last meeting, now completes the membership of the entire County.

This milestone will complete steps required for a regional planning committee including all the governments and agencies within the county, and the 13 discipline. These disciplines are the Elected Officials, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Fire Service, Emergency Medical Services, Health, Local Environmental, Hospital, Transportation, Broadcast and Print Media, Community Groups, Owners and Operators from Facilities using extremely hazardous substances, and Public Works employees.

The MVREPC will build on the mutual cooperation already evident within the disciplines to foster and develop inter-disciplinary cooperation and communication for planning for events and emergencies. One of our first areas of focus will be to fulfill the federal mandate regarding emergency plans relating to hazardous materials. Of equal importance is planning for mass sheltering.

The MVREPC will hold Regular meetings twice a year and Special and Committee meetings as required. We ask that you encourage attendance and participation at these meetings by a member of your board and your department representatives.

The proposed Agenda is attached.

Sincerely,

John R. Christensen
Chairman, MVREPC