

From: MacLean, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:39 PM
To: Minter, Sue
CC: Richards, Alyson; London, Sarah
Subject: Re: Volunteer Liability Issues

Looping in Sarah London.

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On Feb 29, 2012, at 4:29 PM, "Minter, Sue" <Sue.Minter@state.vt.us> wrote:

> Alex/ Aly: I think we may want to try to pursue this. Your thoughts?
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> From: Rapaport, Dave
> Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 2:51 PM
> To: Minter, Sue
> Subject: Volunteer Liability Issues
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> Hi Sue,
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> I was reminded by FEMA the other day that we need to address this. As you may know, it was fear of liability that caused the state to decide not to direct Vermonters to specific projects in the fall clean up day. As we've discussed, that's a mistake we'd like to avoid for the spring initiative.
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> One short term measure that would not necessarily deal with this but would nevertheless be helpful, is to have someone prepare a guide to help agencies and organizations be aware of and manage liability, such as the attached piece from Maine. Perhaps we could find someone at VLS to take this on.
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> I also think we should explore (forthwith) if it is not too late for a quick piece of legislation to be enacted this year. Perhaps it is not possible, but when something is understood to be urgently needed by key players and there is alignment on what it is, things can happen very quickly, no? This could perhaps be accomplished by amending Vermont's Good Samaritan statutes, Title 12, Chapter 23 ;SS 519 and Title 24, Chapter 71* ;SS 2685, to extend liability limitations to organizations and volunteers coordinating recovery activities.
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> Let me know if you would like me to spend any time on this, and your thoughts or how to proceed.
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> Dave
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