

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

October 27, 2016

CONSENT AGENDA

LEADERSHIP REPORT– CHAIRMAN- No report

CRCOG/CREPC MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Work is well underway on the FY 15 funds which include training and exercise, Hartford Bomb Squad equipment, HAZMAT funds, MMRS projects and maintenance/sustainment of regional equipment. The FY 14 grant was closed out on July 31st. The FY 16 grant was recently awarded and work will begin shortly.
- CRCOG designed with the Town of Vernon the very successful IMPACT 2016 full scale active shooter exercise.
- Troy John, an intern from the Goodwin College Homeland Security Program completed his eight week assignment at CRCOG which primarily consisted of resource typing.
- CRCOG is assisting with the process of moving Mobile Communications Vehicle 3.
- CRCOG kicked off a project to bring a one day Functional Needs seminar to the region
- CRCOG conducted an After Action Review for the East Granby Fire Department after the Regional Incident Dispatch Team and others were activated during the funeral for their Fire Chief.
- The Get Ready Capitol Region partnership with the Hartford Marathon Foundation is going well and we have had booths at several of their recent races.
- Various training courses were held.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF) REPORTS

ESF1: Transportation- No report

ESF2: Communications-

- ICOM team has been busy with many exercises most recent was Vernon IMPACT 2016 (a school active threat exercise) and;
- deployed to the plane crash in East Hartford.
- The region has a new on seen UHF repeater for the nation UTAC channels.

ESF3: Public Works and Engineering - No Report

ESF4: Firefighting

- Avon VFD will be hosting the November meeting of the Hartford County Fire Emergency Plan.

ESF5: Emergency Management –

- On November 9 2016 Ellington will be hosting a preparedness for seniors training if interested contact Joe Palombizio
- John Oats and Bill Perkins will be representing CT-IMT3 on the CT IMT steering committee

ESF6: Mass Care

- Last Meeting 6/15/16
- Next Meeting 12/21/16
- Had to cancel last meeting do to a schedule conflict. Was looking for a replacement date in October, but with Hurricane Matthew response will have to push meeting till next scheduled meeting on 12/21/16.
- I spent some time in mass care operations for the Louisiana Disaster Response in August and will be bringing some lessons learned to this meeting. Especially on how social media is impacting mass care delivery and response.
- Conducted a shelter training and exercise on 7/16/16 at Vernon Center Middle School for Vernon/Rockville CERT; EMD from Ellington joined us.
- There will be an upcoming Sheltering refresher on 10/17/16 for Granby CERT and a shelter walkthrough at the town's newly designated shelter at the Middle School in Nov. This will also include National Shelter System training for Red Cross volunteers. There are discussions with other towns about CERT shelter training as well.

ESF7: Resource Management - No Report

ESF8: Public Health and Medical Services

- **Chair**
- **Public health Section-**
- **Long Term Care Section**
- **EMS/CMED**
- **Hospitals-**
- **Behavioral health-**

ESF9: Search and Rescue – No report

ESF10: Oil and Hazardous Materials Response –No report

ESF11: Animal Protection

- R3's RESF 11, in concert with R1 and R5 RESF 11s, are engaged in discussions with Statewide Citizen Corps Council chairman Armatrudo, regarding the concept of "CERT Member Sharing" for the purposes of staffing RESF 11 response in region-wide incidents. The hoped for deliverable will be 5 region coverage using interested and cross trained CERT members drawn from all or some municipal CERTs to staff co-located animal shelter adjacent to mass care as provided by RESF 6 in any state Region. The effort is intended to mitigate the unmet challenge of maintaining a standalone CERT solely for animal response in each Region. We expect to meet with the Statewide Citizen Corps Council in January to evaluate the concept more closely.
- R3 RESF 11 cage assets will be utilized for the 10/29 & 30 New Britain "Big Fix" animal care event, co-produced by the New Britain Police Department and the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Foundation.

ESF12: Energy – No report

ESF13: Public Safety and Security

- Meetings held September 20th and October 11th.
- Currently still working to fill the Region 3 Regional Intelligence Liaison Officer slot.
- CRCOG is working with CCAT on a pilot for the storage of body worn camera data.
- Equipment was ordered for the New Britain SWAT team, Hartford Bomb Squad and Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.
- The CAPTAIN 4G project to improve and enhance the system is well underway with several user group meetings being held as the users define requirements.
- The pilot project to host CT-CHIEF in the CJIS environment is well underway. Wethersfield is up and running with New Britain and Enfield scheduled.
- Staff continues regular status meetings with ConnDOT in terms of eCrash.

RSF14: Community Planning and Capacity Building - No Report

ESF15: External Affairs – No report chair position vacant

ESF16: Volunteer Management

- July 11 Approved minutes of previous meeting (May 2, 2016)
- Update on CERTs and training initiatives
- Red Cross invited town CERTs to Vernon on July 16, 2016 for a Red Cross simulation/training being held at the Vernon Middle School
- Red Cross has a new Senior Director, Emergency Services Connecticut and Rhode Island Region. Mr. Jon Basso introduced himself to our group. Mr. Basso is located at The American Red Cross 209 Farmington Avenue Farmington, Connecticut 06032; Email jon.basso@redcross.org
- A Bill requiring each CERT members to take the Oath has been changed. Effective October 1, 2016 the Oath will be for a two year period which is a change from the present requirement of giving the Oath annually.

- Contact and Capabilities
- Each team in the Region is being asked to check the contact and capabilities information and make any changes necessary.
- Funding Requests
 - Category A (funding for CERT Basic Training Class)
 - Hartford – approved and sent to the State for final approval
 - Category D (funding for Equipment)
 - Hartford, Middletown, and Newington – all requests were approved and sent to the State for final approval.
- New Canteen- the Salvation Army has purchased a new Canteen that is available to the region. Protocols are being finalized. Will distribute information when finalized.
- proved minutes of previous meeting (July 11, 2016)
- Updates State activities for the Region

The following requests have been approved for our region by the Statewide Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee

- Hartford for a CERT Basic Training Class grant
- Hartford, Middletown, and Newington for an equipment grant for the CERT.

CERT Ambassador Program

Working on a program that is for small businesses.

No new training to date for the regular program.

Preparedness Committee

Committee will give a report on their progress at the November meeting

Citizen Corps Program Handbook

- Copies of the May 2016 release of the Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Program Handbook were distributed to those teams who attended the meeting. This handbook was developed by the Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee and the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management of Homeland Security.

Fire Corps

- Avon has disbanded their CERT and has organized a Fire Corps unit. The Fire Corps is still under the Citizen Corps and is eligible for assistance from FEMA

Special CERT training/recognition

- Chair attended the presentation of the Robert B Perkoski Community Service Award to Ms Karen Hocking, Somers CERT Leader for her work with the Somers CERT. The award was presented to Karen by the Somers First Selectman.
- Received communication from CREPC Chairman Lockwood asking to contact Enfield CERT as they are trying to reorganize. I had several phone conversations with their members by phone and attended their meeting on October 17, 2016. This is still a work in progress.
- Attended the Integrated Municipal Preparedness and Collaborative Training, Full Scale Exercise that was hosted by the Town of Vernon. The Vernon CERT reached out to CERTs East of the river to help. Four CERTs from the area responded and aided Vernon with the exercise. Participating teams were East Hartford, Ellington, Manchester and Stafford. A total of 39 members from the above towns attended the exercise.

ESF19: Functional Needs Services –

- CREPC/RESF19 will be hosting training workshops on functional need inclusion in emergency preparedness, this training will take place in 2017.

ESF20: Disaster Faith Based Services –

- Bill Perkins will be conducting active shooter awareness in houses of worship for the Rehoboth Church of God in November.

ESF21: Educational Services – No report

LIAISON AND OTHER ACTIVITY REPORTS

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM

MMRS-

- Conducted Town of Vernon Full Scale Exercise IMPACT 2016. Active Shooter MCI with school reunification process. FSE contained pre-exercise training for 1st responder integration processes, Fire and EMS MCI & triage practices, and Vernon Public Schools introduction to formal reunification processes. Work continues for FSE After Action Review process for evaluation and After Action Report/Improvement Plan.
 - Participant Numbers:
 - 130 victim/role players
 - 150 responders - individuals
 - 60 law enforcement
 - 25 EMS
 - 20 Fire
 - 20 Vernon Schools
 - 25 Ancillary mental health/comfort dogs
 - 75 VIP/Observers
 - 75 Staff-CERT/Fire Police/Aux Police/Massage Therapist

- Ebola grant initiatives:
 - First year review process taking place for end of year reporting. Document status:
 - All documents for deliverables submitted to CT-DPH
 - Conducted conference call and meeting to review concept and objectives for Regional Ebola Full Scale Exercise – (scheduled to March 2017). FSE Initial Planning Meeting; November 15, 2016 0930 to 1230; Manchester RCC.
- Attended the Annual International Assoc. of Emergency Managers Symposium in Savannah, GA.
- Review of options CR-MMRS first responder pharmaceutical cache continues as well as Chemical Anti-Nerve Agent kit program status. No progress to report on whether the MMRS will be able sustain both programs.
- The CR-MMRS is still awaiting information on a pilot program for 1st responder immunization program and is working with other groups nationally to make sure 1st responders are protected well in advance of other modalities currently relied upon by the State.
- The CR-MMRS continues to participate on the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) of the CT EMS Advisory Board. The document, “Community Planning & Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents” has been completed and approved by the CT EMS Advisory Board. Plan is to begin socialization among responder groups and community leaders. Some work has begun on plans for mass gatherings.
- The AAR for the Farmington Public Schools/Town of Farmington Table Top Exercise was reviewed by FPS and has been approved with revisions.

Community Health Centers- No Report

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

- The CR-MRC is one of 23 officially recognized MRC units in CT.
- The fall 2016 issue of *Readiness Dispatch, CT MRC Program newsletter*, will be disseminated to an audience of approximately 3000. We anticipate an article with reference to CR-MRC supporting the Mass Fatality Management training taking place October 2016.
- The CR-MRC continues to participate in monthly MRC Well Check conference calls. The most recent included Allyson Schulz, who discussed the CT VOST program which we are hoping to expand to the CR-MRC.
- CR-MRC October meeting focused on Points of Distribution (POD) in support of the Manchester/Glastonbury CR-MRC sub-units Drive-thru Flu October 22, 2016.
- The November 2016 CR-MRC will be a formal CR-MRC Orientation Program. The CR-MRC contracted with Quality Perspectives to design a program which will introduce volunteers to who we are, what we do, and why we collaborate with health and medical partners through Region 3 ESF-8.
- Questions and/or comments: Katherine McCormack kmccor4040@aol.com

TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKGROUP (TEPW)

- The MYTEP draft has been completed and has been sent to the TEPW chair for review.
- October 7th CREPC supported Vernon in conducting Vernon IMPACT 2016 an active shooter in the High school. (Carminie will be giving a more in-depth account of the full scale exercise at the CREPC meeting).

CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS and Coalition

- Get Ready Capital Campaign continues to build relationships as we explore opportunities to promote preparedness across the region.
- The coalition has purchased Family Preparedness Checklist in the form of a pocket guide these will be available for distribution at events. Contact Bill Perkins if you are having an event and would like some.
- CERT Teams have been very active in preparedness over the past couple of months spreading the word of preparedness as venues such as marathons and local events.
- We are still moving forward with developing public service announcements (more to come on this)