

## Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

July 17, 2014

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### LEADERSHIP REPORT– CHAIRMAN

- The EMAP Project is moving forward. The on site assessment was conducted and we look forward to feedback. Project completion date is scheduled for April 15, 2014.
- The AEM-CEM certification is moving forward and the program has 20 candidates.
- Held a meeting with representatives from ESF-2.
- Worked with DEMHS on bylaws revision issues.

#### CRCOG/CREPC MANAGEMENT REPORT

- Public safety staff is concentrating work on the FY 10 and FY 11 projects. The closeout for FY 11 is now July 30<sup>th</sup>. The UASI grant has been completely closed out.
- CRCOG was involved in the planning process for the CT State Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative - Full Scale Exercise and played on both June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> through our Regional Coordination Center. In addition we had liaisons at the State Emergency Operations Center and SIM cell.
- CRCOG organized an EMS Active Shooter response task force which met the second week in June.
- CRCOG staff held a meeting with the Emergency Management Directors from three of our new towns, Coventry, Willington and Mansfield.
- CRCOG staff/contractors attended the following: Coventry oral board panel, CRCOPA Meeting, Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council meeting, ESF 5 Duty Officer meeting, Capitol Region Fire Chiefs meeting, CTCMA Annual meeting, Regional Collaboration Committee meeting, PSA Advisory Board meeting, Medical Reserve Corps meeting, EPPI 2014 planning meeting and a CISS Status meeting.
- CRCOG staff visited the Capitol Region SWAT school which is held for 2 weeks for new members of the nine regional SWAT teams and funded partially through homeland security funds.
- CRCOG was a co-sponsor and attended an Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Recovery Workshop hosted by CCRPA and held at Central Connecticut State University's Institute of Technology and Business Development.

## EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF) REPORTS

### ESF1: Transportation

- Prepared for and participated in the first “official” Region 3 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition on May 15, which was held at the City of Hartford Public Safety Building. As a follow-up to the meeting, sent emails to Emergency Management Directors (EMDs) requesting information about municipal events that might affect traffic over the next few months. Developed an on-line calendar for sharing of this information. [http://www.crcog.org/homeland\\_sec/R3-TIM-CT.html](http://www.crcog.org/homeland_sec/R3-TIM-CT.html) Continued to share timely TIM information through a *TIM News and Notes* email blast. **The next meeting will be held August 21, 2014.** Anyone who has not received a notice of the TIM meetings and would like to be added to the mailing list should contact Karen Olson at [kolson@crcog.org](mailto:kolson@crcog.org).
- Continuing to plan for the roll out of a multi-agency TIM training across the State. Regional “champions” will be needed to assist with this. If you have an interest in this effort, please contact Karen.
- Participated in the evaluation of an online TIM training course being developed by the National Highway Institute and FHWA. This individualized training program is expected to be available in the fall.
- Continued to work with CTDOT on the update of the Capitol Region ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) Plan. Fire and police personnel have provided input on emergency responders’ transportation technological needs (closed circuit cameras, variable message signs and the like). The draft Plan is now under review and should be available for review by stakeholders in the next quarter. As part of this effort, reviewed the initial draft of a Traffic Signal Handbook.

### ESF2: Communications

At a meeting at CRCOG ESF-2 and its leadership along with CREPC leadership the following items were discussed:

- The regional command post issue of not being available. This matter will be handled by CRCOG
- ESF-2 Leadership shall be broken down as follows:: Keith Victor, Chair; Chris Marvin- Vice Chair with the following responsibilities: Regional Incident Dispatch Team and Regional Command Post/Mobile Communications Vehicles (NOT the State MCV); Rich Claing- Vice Chair with the following responsibilities: Information Technology and all communications equipment both fixed and mobile/portable.

### ESF3: Public Works and Engineering - No Report

## **ESF4: Firefighting**

- The annual meeting of the CRFCA was held in June, New leadership is as follows: James P Barton – President; Russell Nelson - Vice President; Tom Lapierre - Secretary / Treasurer
- We are continuing to move forward on the web base Fire Captain Program. Several services are up and running. The web base program seems to be more user friendly.
- Task force 54 and 52 were activated for a house fire in Suffield on July 11, 2014. Some units were used on scene to relieve first due companies others were returned. Suffield Fire Department did a great job considering the situation as they arrived on scene.
- Task force 52 was activated for a multiple alarm fire in Avon on July 14, 2012 . Most units from task force 54 were utilized as mutual aid on the initial alarm. Task Force 52 was brought in to provide coverage for the town while these units were committed at the fire. Avon Fire Department did a great job holding this fire to the basement of this large apartment building.
- The activation point additional resources has been moved from RICS to the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service (Station TN).
- We currently have 7 command boards in the process of being ordered in order to be utilized on activations in the region.

## **ESF5: Emergency Management**

- May 13, 2014 - CT 3 Incident Management Team Training Session - Tolland, CT
- June 9-13, 2014 - ESF 5 duty officers (Austin, Perkins, and Erasmus) participated in the EMAP Accreditation site visit
- June 20, 2014 - CT 3 Incident Management Team Executive Committee meeting held
- June 21, 2014 - Regional Coordination Center (partial virtual activation) for State EPPI - Bill Perkins assigned as liaison in the SEOC and TerriJean Erasmus in training at that location - six municipalities participated
- June 23, 2014 - Regional Coordination Center (partial activation at CRCOG ) for State EPPI - Bill Perkins assigned as liaison in the SEOC - Dave Koscuk and Bill Austin working RCC - 28 municipalities participated

## **ESF6: Mass Care**

- Attended multiple Statewide Mass Care Work Group meetings
- Participated in Statewide EPPI Drill
  - Set up Regional Shelter in East Hartford
  - Filmed training video for Deaf and Hearing impaired community on what to expect when you go to a shelter
- Completed National Guard Facilities Shelter Surveys
- Completed Shelter Survey in Canton
- Trainings for CERT in South Windsor in Shelter Fundamentals

- Trainings for CERT in Bristol Psychological First Aid training
- Training for CERT in Shelter Fundamentals for East Hampton
- Training for CERT in Shelter Fundamentals for Hartford
- Canteen services in Middletown for energy plant fire
- Canteen services in New Britain for firefighter funeral
- ESF 6 meeting held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Farmington
- Attended Bradley Airport monthly meeting
- Attended ESF 16 and ESF 8 meetings
- Repositioned Regional Feeding Support Trailer to Plainville High School
- Next ESF6 meeting is August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in Farmington at the Red Cross Office

### **ESF7: Resource Management - No Report**

### **ESF8: Public Health and Medical Services**

- **Chair** – The CT DPH sanctioned Regional ESF8 assessment that was being conducted jointly by Hartford Hospital and Yale New Haven Hospital has been extended for another month (due July) as Yale has exclusively taken over the project.
- Met with representatives of the Public Health Section and representatives of Walgreen’s Pharmacy to begin discussing partnership opportunities for MRC, Mass Dispensing and creating a Pharmacy section of ESF8.
- Staffed the RCC during the EPPI exercise. Jointly managed several requests/injects with ESF5.
- Attended the FEMA Region 1 MMRS Meeting in Worcester
- Participated in the CT DPH Mobile Integrated Healthcare Summit
- Participated in the Region3 LTCMAP FSE
- Attended the 2014 Health and Medical Coalition Building Conference at Northeast Utilities
- **Public health Section-** Statewide DPH distribution exercise down was completed in June. AAR should be released soon. AAR will likely be reporting on logistical and communication concerns/issues. Local health directors did not sign letter of concurrence for the public health preparedness contract application to DPH due to process issues. Funding for LHD will remain flat funding for ’14-’15. Change in measuring success for meeting public health capabilities. Mary Pettigrew will be retiring July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Last year, CTDPH retained CRI money to conduct activities in house. This year, it appears this is the same process... we just don’t know. Mary stated some of that work will be remaining in house and they will be hiring a new CRI staff person to assist. CDC pushing very hard on the regional framework. Intent is to not break down the good work that’s been done, but rather to shore up what’s been done. State DPH positions-

cooperative agreement for hospital/PHEP, nurse consultant position, and health program assistant 1 to help with CRI activities. These positions are federally funded so are not affected by the hiring freeze.

- The LHDs need to conduct a Dispensing full scale exercise within this current 5 year budget year cycle. Will likely take place in BP 4 (2015-2016).
- CT Association Directors of Health presently an unstaffed membership organization. The organization is recruiting for a part time Executive Director. Agency significantly impacted by loss of funding/grant opportunities. Current point of contact is Tim Callahan, President and Norwalk DOH.
- **Long Term Care Section-** Statewide education sessions completed. Assisted living facilities are being entered into Everbridge- LTC-MAP. Annual full scale exercise took place June 11<sup>th</sup> for the region 3 LTCMAP. A great exercise with multiple facilities evacuating. On paper moved 500 patients within region.
- **EMS/CMED-** Unsupported technology beginning to create communications problems between CMED and hospitals. Infrastructure originally put in place by AT&T now no longer serviceable and the transition to Frontier Communications is only making it worse. New Haven CMED center in a state of flux, many of the larger players are pulling out leaving the smaller towns to figure out how to move forward.
- Several legislative changes for EMS including: PA 14217, sec 19-22 that deals with Local EMS Plans and PSAR changes; PA14231 sec 12, 17-27, and 52 requires a strike contingency plan for EMS services and provides necessary change to allow EMS services to bill for non-traditional services during times of Governor declared State of Emergency.
- **Hospitals-** There is a move afoot by consortium to unify codes used by hospitals. Massive undertaking if it is going to move forward.
- **Behavioral health-** DMHAS/DBHRN will be presenting to the foot guard on psychological first aid on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. New back-up team lead for DMHAS for this region. She's been on the team for many years, and this should be a smooth transition. The Governor, Attorney General and Dept. of Banking sponsored a Mortgage event in Region 1. DMHAS supported that operation. Approx. 555 households participated in the event, which was less than previous events.

**ESF9: Search and Rescue –** No report

**ESF10: Oil and Hazardous Materials Response –**No report

**ESF11: Animal Protection**

- RESF 11 has provided to Newington CERT, on long term loan, animal cages and care equipment sufficient to provide shelter for up to 15 animals.

- RESF 11 contemplates providing similar caches to municipal CERTs in our region interested in acquiring the capability to shelter modest numbers of animals in municipal mass care shelters.
- RESF 11 retains ownership of the loaned equipment and will continue to provide animal care support as requested.
- RESF 11 trailers, currently in Canton, are in the process of being serviced by Bloomfield Public Works, and thereafter will be relocated to long term storage at Simsbury Public Works in Simsbury

**ESF12: Energy – No report**

**ESF13: Public Safety and Security**

- Meeting held on June 10
- Final equipment from the UASI 2010 and SHSGP 2011 grants ordered for the SWAT teams and Hartford Bomb Squad
- CRCOG held an After Action Review meeting with the federal Office of Bombing Prevention in regard to the Bomb Squad/Regional SWAT teams Interoperability Workshop.

**RSF14: Community Planning and Capacity Building - No Report**

**ESF15: External Affairs**

- A third PIO, Terrijean Erasmus has been added to ESF 15

**ESF16: Volunteer Management**

- April 12 – attended the CERT BASIC TRAINING class in Ellington
- April 17 – attended the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Citizens Corps Council
- May 3 – attended the graduation of the CERT BASIC TRAINING class for the Towns of Ellington, Somers,
- Stafford and Vernon (sixteen graduates split among the four towns)
- May 5 – Chaired the CRCOG/CC RPA Monthly meeting
- May 15 – attended the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Citizens Corps Council
- June 4 – two new CERTs in Region 3
- South Windsor (20+ and Tolland 19)
- July 7 - Chaired the CRCOG/CCRPA monthly meeting

**ESF19: Functional Needs Services**

- June 21 and 23 Statewide exercises 0800-1400 hrs call

- June 23 A follow-up meeting to the one that DSS held on March 31st to discuss proposed customized wheelchair regulation at the New England Assistive Technology Center (NEAT) 33 Coventry Street, Hartford starting at 1000 hrs Jeff attended
- Additional activities
  - Completion of spring summary of activities
  - Identifying alternative funding sources (DEMHS, Health Districts)
  - Sharing emails with CRCOG/CREPC Leadership, FEMA, and Regional ADA Resource Center
  - Coordinating with Ed Goldberg and Jeff Heisner the team's presentation at the ACP October 14th monthly meeting 1130 hrs- start includes lunch
    - Developing questions to send out to the ACP group
    - Identifying with Jeff Heisner other companies for presentations/best practices
- Team meeting at the Hartford Safety Complex July 10
  - Purpose-Develop strategies for future trainings including the ACP presentation

**ESF20: Disaster Faith Based Services** - No Report

**ESF21: Educational Services** – No report

## **LIAISON AND OTHER ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM**

**MMRS-** National Homeland Security Conference held in Philadelphia. It had a full medical tract which was well attended and ran smoothly. Good presentations that will be posted on the National UASI site which Carmine will share. Behavioral health presentation panels were well received. Carmine would like CT to do these panels in the future. Active Shooter presentations were very well attended. Next meeting is in San Antonio. The National Healthcare Coalition Conference in December 2014 in Denver, CO. Call for presentations has been sent out.

Carmine attended a meeting yesterday with the Northern New England MMRS units. Providence MMRS maintains a pharmaceutical trailer- We have an MOU to FEMA Region 1 MMRS to utilize this trailer without bypassing EMAC, etc. Massachusetts- Worcester has a new director. Springfield- NDMS participation at Air Force Base- will receive air lifted patients from PA. Carmine wants to participate in this exercise. MA is pooling funding to purchase an AMBUBUS ambulance that can house 12 patients.

Boston, MA- MMRS embedded in EMS. Does planning for all large scale events, because they no longer receive MMRS funding their focus has been shifted away from MMRS activities. This



is a concern for us; however Carmine is still at the table and working with them. He is also continuing work nationally on restoring MMRS funding across the country.

Will begin work on enhancing the Everbridge platform to include ground level syndromic surveillance based upon social media data.

**Community Health Centers-** Working on Joint Commission visit. Recruitment for internal positions.

**MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

Katherine McCormack- Carmine is new trainer for CR-MRC. SMART Tag Triage training and equipment donated to CRMRC by New Britain EMS. A few volunteers went to Bristol Hospital for raising awareness for MRC at the hospital level. CT Citizen Corps Conference planning has begun. Looking at separating the tracts for MRC and CERT. Will be held at Waters Edge again. Chatham group will be meeting with Carmine next week to create consistent training between the subsections. Maryann stated that Manchester/Glastonbury is also preparing for leadership changes as Dave Boone will be retiring soon.

April 1-3.....CR-MRC leadership attended the Public Health Summit in Atlanta

April 2.....CR-MRC monthly meeting

April 8.....Participated in MRC Well Check call

April 12.....CR-MRC leadership and three CR-MRC volunteers participated in Surgery in an Austere Environment sponsored by Hartford Hospital at the New England Disaster Training Center, Windsor Locks

May 6.....Participated in MRC Well Check call

May 6.....Several CR-MRC members attended the DESPP conference in Cromwell

May 7.....Attended Region 3 ESF 8 meeting

May 7.....CR-MRC monthly meeting/training

May 22.....IAEM Region I conference at UCONN

June 3.....Participated in MRC Well Check call

June 4.....Attended Region 3 ESF 8 meeting

June 4.....CR-MRC monthly meeting/training

June 11.....Manchester/Glastonbury sub unit meeting



June 12.....CRCOG Annual Meeting

June 23.....Psychological First Aid training for Governor's First Guard

June 26.....CR-MRC TA with Region I Coordinator

#### **TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKGROUP (TEPW)**

- With the loss of our training funds there has been a slight decline in regional training. However there is still numerous free training opportunities available.
- Month of March ICS 100/200 & IS 700 combined training for John Dempsey Hospital staff
- ICS 300 & 400 training in March and April for Tolland FD
- 3/11 IMT Logistics Training with new tent
- 3/21 IMT Logistics training (IT/Computer)
- 4/11&12 Hartford Hospital Surgery in Austere Environment Drill
- 5/6/2014 CT emergency Management Conference
- 5/13 Salamander training for Suffield EMD
- 5/13 IMT Documentation training
- 6/17 IMT personnel to PIO training

#### **CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS and Coalition**

- Get Ready Capital Campaign continues to build relationships as we explore opportunities to promote preparedness across the region.
- Coalition meetings to be held on September 16, 2014, with a focus on National Preparedness month.