

# Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

January 22, 2015

## CONSENT AGENDA

### LEADERSHIP REPORT– CHAIRMAN

#### CRCOG/CREPC MANAGEMENT REPORT

- CRCOG staff has made a good amount of progress on the SHSGP FY 2012 line items which include training and exercise, Hartford Bomb Squad equipment, and maintenance of regional equipment. Work on the FY 13 items has also begun.
- CREPC is in the application process to be accredited through EMAP (Emergency Management Accreditation program). CRCOG/CREPC is the first regional entity to undertake this process.
- Various training courses were held.
- The CAPTAIN 4G project was kicked off with two user group meetings to define requirements.
- A CAPTAIN Fire meeting was held East Hartford to demo an enhancement to the product which creates a web version used on iPads.
- CRCOG staff attendee retirement celebrations for Newington Police Chief Richard Mulhall and Windsor Police Chief Kevin Searles. Both made significant contributions to regional law enforcement activities and the Capitol Region Public Safety Council and will be missed.
- CRCOG staff attended a CT FasTrak Tabletop Exercise hosted at the West Hartford Police Department and a Full Scale exercise in New Britain.
- Two eCrash training sessions were held.

### EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF) REPORTS

#### ESF1: Transportation

##### Traffic Incident Management (TIM)

- Cancelled the quarterly TIM Coalition meeting in favor of promoting attendance at the SHRP2 TIM training which was held at the CT Fire Academy on December 4, 2014 (see below). The next TIM Coalition meeting is scheduled for February 19, but maybe be rescheduled. Please contact Karen Olson at [kolson@crcog.org](mailto:kolson@crcog.org), if interested.
- Continued to update the online calendar of municipal events and road closings for sharing among first responders.

- Continued to share timely TIM information through a TIM News and Notes email blast.
- Continued to work with CTDOT on efforts to roll out FHWA's SHRP2 TIM training across the State. Participated in a teleconference on October 14 with FHWA consultant and CT Fire Academy instructor to determine next steps in deploying the training in the Capitol Region and statewide. Notified Region 3 first responders of the opportunity to attend this training and worked with CTDOT, FHWA, UConn, and the CT Fire Academy to make increase awareness of this opportunity to as many responders as possible. CRCOG staff participated in the training which was held at the CT State Fire Academy on December 4. More than 70 DEMHS Region 3 emergency responders from several disciplines attended the well-received training. We will continue to assist with the process of notifying responders of this continuing training opportunity. (*Training is being planned for mid-February in Region 1 and is available upon request in Region 4.*)
- Participated in an FHWA webinar on funding opportunities for TIM training programs on December 4.
- Continued to work with CTDOT on the update of the Capitol Region ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) Plan. A final draft of the Plan, the Traffic Signal Handbook, and the ITS Regional Architecture are under review.

#### **Emergency Management and Planning**

- Coordinated with Cheryl Assis, who attended a CT**fastrak** Fire Life Safety Committee tabletop exercise on December 5. The scenario was a car entering the busway and hitting a bus. There were modules on notification and communication, ongoing operations and demobilization/recovery.
- Coordinated with Cheryl Assis, who attended a CT**fastrak** Fire Life Safety Committee full scale exercise on January 9. The scenario was similar to the earlier tabletop, with a car entering the busway and hitting a bus, and numerous injuries.

#### **ESF2: Communications**

- ESF-2 has initiated a monthly roll call of the statewide 8 Call 90 radio the first time that this has been done since the system was installed back in the 90's.
- The RID Team has undergone some major changes in personnel.
- We participated in the Hartford firefighter funeral with the IMT-3 utilizing the regional Intercity network. All of the Intercity radio system has the preventative maintenance complete.
- Newington's CP-8 has been upgraded with new mobile radios to make it compatible with new technology. New radio technology has come into the regional therefore equipment must be updated for the new P-25 digital radio system being installed. At this time Enfield CP-4, Newington CP-8 and Manchester CP-12 have been upgraded with the new equipment. Bristol CP-17 is the next unit to be upgraded.

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

**ESF4: Firefighting-** No Report

**ESF5: Emergency Management-** No Report

**ESF6: Mass Care**

- Attended multiple Statewide Mass Care Work Group meetings
- Training for CERT in Hartford in Shelter Fundamentals
- Training for CERT in East Haddam in Psychological First Aid
- Training for CERT in Granby in Disaster Assessment
- Worked with town of Hartford on large MFF fire
- Attended Bradley Airport monthly meeting
- Attended ESF 8 meetings
- Attended ESF 16 meeting
- Working to Reposition Regional Feeding Support Trailer to East Hartford
- Next ESF6 meeting is January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Farmington at the Red Cross Office

**ESF7: Resource Management** - No Report

**ESF8: Public Health and Medical Services**

**Chair's Report:**

Additional Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) funding of \$30,000 has been made available to each region. Proposals were submitted to DPH end of December. Contracts will be awarded based on these requests. Region 3 submitted a funding request to enhance RESF-8 activities (capacity building & sustainment). Also included was a request to support additional drills and exercises to support the new public health ORR-MCM assessment process. The major focus of this request will help Region 3 ESF 8, follow the national strategy of creating health care coalitions for long-term continuity. It was decided to invest \$25,000 of this grant in a 12 month strategic planning and mentoring process to develop a regional health care coalition

CT DPH has identified three ambulance providers statewide that could be used to transport a symptomatic person under active monitoring for Ebola. This process is coordinated by CT DPH and the Local Health Director.

**Public Health Section:**

Work continues in the area of Ebola. At this point 53 individuals have participated in the Active Monitoring process. CT is still under an active Public Health Emergency and probably will be until the situation in West Africa is stabilized.

Preparations continue for the new CDC Operational Readiness Review assessment tool. A pilot of the tool was done for the region as well as the city of Hartford. CDC is making final revisions to the tool and it is expected that these new assessments will be done on all MDA's in the

region before September 2015. It is expected this new tool will require a significant amount of time and preparation for the MDA's. This coupled with a transition to a per capita funding methodology for PHEP is creating a perfect storm.

### **EMS/CMED Section**

A tabletop exercise was conducted in December 2014 involving potential incidents on the new limited access busway between New Britain and Hartford. Some of the issues identified were that access points are not controlled, the roadway is very narrow with Jersey barriers making it difficult for vehicles to turn around, and a lack of planning to decide which EMS provider should respond to any crashes or emergencies on the busway. Resolution of these and other issues will lead to a full scale exercise planned for January 15, 2015.

David Bailey has separated from state service as the Region 3 EMS Coordinator for CT DPH. He has accepted a new position. The group extended gratitude for his excellent service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

It has been observed the volume of EMS calls appears to be increasing significantly.

With the sale of AT&T to Frontier, the upgrading and improvements to the circuits feeding CMED are now the responsibility of the new group. AT&T (and now Frontier) has been charged with the overhaul of the 911 system. The upgrading of the CMED circuits will be part of this next generation of communications. In the meantime, hospitals are using the redundant system installed three years ago to manage gaps in the old technology at CMED.

### **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**

One recent new member is a pharmacist. Feedback identified the problem new members have when joining the group without understanding the overall scope and responsibilities of the MRC. An orientation and mentoring program is being advanced.

A recruitment program is underway. Seven new people signed up in December. This increased volume has shown the need to obtain better preliminary information on the background and training of new members.

There was an MRC Activation submitted and approved for a potential public health response to Ebola.

There was a TTX in December on sheltering on Christmas Eve in Glastonbury.

Working to build relationships with EMD's for regular Loyalty Oath administration, thank you to Bob DiBella who has helped support this effort. Any EMDs interested in assisting the MRC with this should contact Katherine McCormack.

Meeting held with Cigna to discuss potential assistance to the CR-MRC.

**Behavioral Health Section:**

There has been recruitment training in Region 5. Additional training has taken place statewide. Yale University is planning a full scale exercise next summer involving a shooter on campus. The DHBRN team is planning to participate.

A session was held at UConn in Storrs to plan for its responses to support students in the event of a shooter. Attending were 120 people; behavioral health was part of the discussion.

Short term and long term planning is underway using lessons learned from past events to further improve responses.

**Long Term Care Section:**

A Job Action Sheet is now in place for a duty officer who would be at any regional coordination center during a disaster. This is to be used statewide by January 1, 2015.

On January 15, 2015, a kick-off meeting and day-long training session will be held for Region 2.

On January 16, 2015, a half day education and exercise will be held for Region 3 involving assisted living facilities.

In Region 3, the plan covers 79 long term care, and 40 assisted care facilities.

An event on December 9 activated the regional plan when a CO detector was activated. Before any patients had to be activated, the source was located in a roof-top unit, and the hazard was quickly mitigated. The activation responses are being evaluated.

On January 16, 2015 a TTX exercise was conducted at Avery Heights for the newly added Assisted Living Facilities to the plan.

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

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

**ESF11: Animal Protection – No report**

**ESF12: Energy – No report**

**ESF13: Public Safety and Security**

- Meetings held November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on equipment orders for Hartford Bomb Squad
- Formed a partnership with King 33 for SWAT Team Training

- Chief Kenny presented an updated version of the Blue Plan

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

**ESF15: External Affairs – No Report**

**ESF16: Volunteer Management**

- November 3, 2014 Chaired CRCOG ESF 16 Meeting
- November 20, 2014 Attended Connecticut Citizen’s Corps Council meeting
- November 8, 2014 Tolland ran a CERT Basic Training Course graduated 8, people on December 6, 2014
- December 1, 2014 CRCOG ESF 16 meeting canceled due to Holiday season
- January 5, 2015 Chaired the CRCOG ESF 16 Meeting
- It was voted at this meeting, by all those present, to schedule our meetings every other month as we seemed to have more members in attendance after skipping the December meeting.
- January 15, 2015 attended the Connecticut Citizens Corps Council meeting in West Hartford.

**ESF19: Functional Needs Services**

- November 5<sup>th</sup> – A team meeting was held
- 11<sup>th</sup> ACP presentation Webinar and Podcast.
- Confirmed trainings: December 10 Monroe CERT team Senior Citizen Center
- Requests 2015: East Hartford CERT, Region 2 Joel SEVERANCE, Farmington CERT ACP returns IN SPRING 2015
- Additional activities:
- Team meeting 12/04 prepare for 12/10 Monroe CERT training
- Monthly reporting
- Sharing emails with CRCOG/CREPC Leadership
- Compiling info for semi-annual report
- Coordinating’s planning meeting 12-4
- Answering inquiries about the RESF 19 program
- Coordinating signage committee with Carolyn Carson
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Team meeting Hartford Safety Complex 1500 hrs
- Other activities: Exploring the Coast Guard Auxiliary group, Signage State wide guidelines Committee, Completion of Semi Annual Report and monthly report, Sharing

emails with the team, CREP/C? CRCOG Leadership, Tracking materials in hand and coordinating putting together handouts with Volunteer Peg Cibes

- Serving as information Officer regarding the RESF training and funding option

### **ESF20: Disaster Faith Based Services - No report**

### **ESF21: Educational Services –**

- Brian Heavren, Trinity College has been named the new Chairman

## **LIAISON AND OTHER ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM MMRS-**

**Community Health Centers-** Carmine Centrella, CR-MMRS Program Director, served as the Exercise Director for the Town of Newington Full Scale Exercise – SAVERS 2014 – conducted in October of 2014. Exercise support was provided by William Perkins the CREPC Training Coordinator and a team of first responders from the Town of Newington. The scenario was multi-faceted focusing on Mass Casualty response to a bus accident and Active Shooter incident. The After Action Report for this exercise is in the process of being drafted.

Carmine attended annual conferences for the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) and the National Healthcare Coalition Conference. The IAEM conference was held in November and Carmine continues to work with IAEM and the MMRS National Leadership Group to maintain MMRS capabilities. The National Healthcare Coalition Conference was held in December and proved to be an excellent opportunity to explore options for the development of healthcare coalitions and the model used in CT Region 3 as a Regional Emergency Support Function-8 Public Health and Medical Services (RESF-8). Notes from the Healthcare Coalition conference have been posted to the CRCOG website at: <http://www.crcog.org/publications/HomeSecDocs/MMRS/NHCC%202014.pdf>.

The CR-MMRS continues to provide subject matter expertise for Chempack recommendations through the Emergency Services Coalition for Medical Preparedness, the International Association of Emergency Managers through the MMRS National Leadership Group, and the National Homeland Security Coalition. Carmine represented the CR-MMRS and assisted the ESCMP at the MESH Chemical Preparedness Forum held in Indianapolis, IN in November.

The CR-MMRS continues to work with the CREPC Active Shooter Steering Committee tasked with producing an informational paper to assist local municipalities in determining options for integration of Emergency Medical Services into an Active Shooter incident.

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

- With the reduction of our training funds there has been a slight decline in regional training. However there is still numerous free training opportunities available.
- ICS 300 & 400 training in January for Hartford Police, Fire and West Hartford Fire. We will be resuming the quarterly ICS Training.
- 8/20 IMT Logistics training (IT/Computer)
- 9/16 IMT Logistics Training with new tent
- 10/4 Newington Full Scale Exercise (Swift Action Emergency Response Scenario)

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

Get Ready Capital Campaign continues to build relationships as we explore opportunities to promote preparedness across the region

- Developed new partnership with National Weather Service as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador
- Posted many advisory information during the Ebola response for the state and region
- Continuing to grow the ambassador program, presentation scheduled for East Hartford Lion's Club in February
- Get Ready Capitol Region signs were placed in 100 CT Transit buses.