

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

April 16, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

LEADERSHIP REPORT– CHAIRMAN – No report

CRCOG/CREPC MANAGEMENT REPORT

- CRCOG staff closed out the SHSGP FY 2012 line items and are working on the FY 13 items which include training and exercise, Hartford Bomb Squad equipment, and maintenance of regional equipment. Work on the FY 14 items will begin shortly.
- 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.
- CRCOG staff facilitated a SWOT session for the Capitol Region Incident Dispatch Team (now the Incident Communications Support Team).
- The Regional Coordination Center was opened during Blizzard Colbie and a CREPC liaison was in place at the State Emergency Operations Center. In addition, CRCOG staff participated in all of the Governor's conference calls during the duration of the storm.
- CRCOG staff conducted a five day combined Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400 course at the Hartford Public Safety Complex.
- There was a tour of the Capitol Region Computer Forensics Laboratory for Police Chiefs and interested Policy Board members. Glastonbury Police Chief Dave Caron and Sergeant Rich McKeon will also present to the Policy Board at the March 4th meeting.
- Staff met with school representatives in Bristol and will look to kick off the FEMA STEP program for 5th graders in one elementary school in May with the others to follow in September. Students will learn how to create an emergency plan for their families and earn a preparedness kit.
- Staff attended the CTIC Regional Intelligence Liaison Officers Conference at Rentshler Field
- Various training courses were held.
- The CAPTAIN 4G project was kicked off with two user group meetings to define requirements.
- CRCOG staff attended a CT FasTrak Full Scale Exercise hosted at the New Britain Station.
- An eCrash user group was established and weekly conference calls with ConnDOT continue.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF) REPORTS

ESF1: Transportation

- **TIM Training Progress:** Bruce Dixon, Bolton Fire Chief, has been working with the Tolland County Chiefs and the CT Fire Academy to bring TIM training to his area. I am happy to report that the class was filled quickly and is now scheduled for April 12. If you are interested in working to sponsor this multi-agency training in your area, please let me know and I will put you in touch with the right people.
- **Raised Bill No. 6817, status:** Raised Bill No. 6817, AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUICK CLEARANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS, was reported out of committee as “Joint Favorable Substitute” and has been reported favorably out of committee and assigned a House Calendar Number and a File Number. . This is the bill that would hold harmless “. . . any officer, authority or operator of a wrecker . . . from liability or causes of action for property damages incurred [when removing such disabled vehicles], provided such removal measures are taken under the direction of such officer or authority and all reasonable care is taken by the operator of the wrecker.” The text and updated status of the bill can be found at http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2015&bill_num=6817
- **Senate Bill No. 481, status:** Senate Bill No. 481, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ENHANCED ACCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN, was rewritten following testimony, reported favorably out of committee and assigned a Senate Calendar Number and a File Number; and was recently referred by the Senate to the Committee on Public Safety and Security. The language of the Bill now includes DESPP along with CTDOT and CT DEEP as lead agencies in developing the plan and contains expanded language with regard to that plan. Information about the bill can be found at: http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2015&bill_num=481.

ESF2: Communications

- CP8 has been updated with the new Manchester & Berlin PD radio channels.
- Radio cache with fourteen (14) portable 800 MHZ radio and chargers has been setup in a cache radio case for deployment.
- RID is changing their name to “Incident Communications Support Team” as their function has increased not just to dispatching.
- Working on an additional person to assist with programming within the region from Newington.

ESF3: Public Works and Engineering - No Report

ESF4: Firefighting – No report

ESF5: Emergency Management – No report

ESF6: Mass Care

- Attended Statewide Mass Care Work Group meetings
- Training/Shelter Exercise for CERT in Manchester and South Windsor
- Attended Bradley Airport monthly meeting
- Attended ESF 8 meetings
- Attended ESF 16 meetings
- Working to Reposition Regional Feeding Support Trailer to East Hartford
- ESF6 meeting in January cancelled due to snow
- Next ESF6 meeting is Thursday April 30th at 10am in Farmington at the Red Cross Office

ESF7: Resource Management - No Report**ESF8: Public Health and Medical Services – No report**

- **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**

- 3/10 Canton CERT presentation
- 5/6 South Windsor CERT presentation

Planned for summer, 2015:

- Reorganize response trailers, dispose of superfluous equipment – reimbursement to CRCOG
- Outreach to existing volunteers

ESF12: Energy – No report

ESF13: Public Safety and Security

- Meetings held February 10th, March 17th, and April 14th.
- 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

- February 19 – attended the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Citizens Corps Council
- March 2 – Chaired the CROG/CC RPA Monthly meeting
- March 19 – attended the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Citizens Corps Council
 - Approved three Region 3 CERTs for Category “A” funding for CERT Basic Training classes. Towns are Newington, Tolland and Ellington (Vernon, Somers and Stafford are also participating in this class).

ESF19: Functional Needs Services

- March 02 East Hampton training 22 attendees CERT and Ambulance personnel, and Emergency Management Director
- March 3 Get Ready Capital Region So. Cong Church Hartford Jeff and Stephen
- Confirmed trainings:
 - April 21st. East Hartford CERT East Hartford Safety Complex start 7 pm
 - May 12th Canton CERT team Senior Center 6:30 start
- Co-coordinating training:
 - South Windsor CERT team and Joel Severance from Region 2.
- Special invitation:
 - May 3rd Southington Commission on Disabilities and the Elderly Seminar 1-4
 - Stephen is Keynote speaker
- Other:
 - Compiling folders for future trainings
 - East Hampton program evaluation summary completed
 - Sharing emails from FEMA, FCC with CREPC and CROG leadership
 - Submitting monthly reports
 - Compiling semiannual report

- Involved with statewide Shelter Signage Committee Chaired by Carolyn Carlson
 - March 26 Telephone Conference call, 12-1 pm. Follow-up meeting not confirmed planned for end of April. Need to review proposed Shelter Starter kit with the team and respond back to Carolyn. Started kit to be reviewed by RESF 19 team and responses sent to Carolyn. All DEMHS Regions represented plus Kate McCarthy Disability Coordinator from FEMA Region 1.
- Contacts with Kathy GIPS, Region 1 ADA Resource Center and Kate McCarthy FEMA Region 1.

ESF20: Disaster Faith Based Services - No Report

ESF21: Educational Services – No report

LIAISON AND OTHER ACTIVITY REPORTS

METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM – No Report
MMRS-

Community Health Centers- No Report

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS- No Report

TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKGROUP (TEPW)

- January- completed ICS300/400 training for Hartford PD, FD, and West Hartford FD
- 3/10/15 CT-IMT3 training Planning Section ICS Forms review
- 4/14/15 CT-IMT3 training Logistics Section Setting up tent and equipment review
- National Disaster Preparedness Training Center presented a class on Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery.
- Bill Perkins attended-Hurricane Hanna 2015- Continuity of Operations Fire Service Tabletop Exercise presented by FEMA Region 1 at New Haven Fire Academy.

Training opportunities:

- TEEX Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness training
 - August 20-21 East Hartford offering (click on link) <https://teexmgt439eh.eventbrite.com>
 - August 18-19 Groton offering (click on link) <https://teexmgt439groton.eventbrite.com>

CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS and Coalition

- Get Ready Capital Campaign continues to build relationships as we explore opportunities to promote preparedness across the region.
- Funding for the GMMB contract to completely manage the Get Ready Capitol Region social media sites will expire at the end of April. They will continue to administer our web page, which will be going through a major up-grade as we will be switching to an easier to manage format. Bill Perkins has taken over monitoring and placing information on to the Facebook and Twitter social media sites.
- The ambassador program has been busy with presentations to:
 - East Hartford Lions Club
- The Citizens Preparedness Coalition Meeting was held March 3, 2015 attendance was light. Bill Perkins reviewed the past four month's analytics for the social media sites. There was open discussion and GRCR was invited to attend the South End Wellness Center's Seniors Expo scheduled for later this year. Viola will be attending the planning meeting on March 24, 2015.
- Bristol Schools will be offering the Citizens Preparedness Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Program to their elementary students.
 The Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program, created in 2008, is designed to teach students how to prepare for emergencies and disasters, and to train them to become leaders in family preparedness.
 As participants in the STEP program:
 - ✓ Students will learn general knowledge about disasters common to their area.
 - ✓ Students will learn to assemble emergency kits with their families.
 - ✓ Students will learn to form family communications plan.