

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
January 24, 2008 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chairman Austin chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:30 a.m.

Adoption of the minutes and handouts

John Shaw, seconded by Keith Victor, made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2008 meeting.

State Liaison Reports

Senator Ciotto announced that FEMA will hold Assistance to Firefighters Grant workshops at various locations in Connecticut next month. He stated that CREPC members should call Paul Mounds, Congressman Larson's Federal Grants Coordinator, at 860.278.8888 if they have questions.

Tom Gavaghan reported on the web EOC review progress, stating that the initial test on the DOIT server was successful and that municipalities need to send in their stipend application in order to take advantage of the \$2,500. He also acknowledged Laurie Ann Scotti, ESF 14 Chair – Business Continuity Planning, who continues to work towards building an alliance between the public and private sector.

Unfinished Business

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace reviewed the “Training Coordinator Report” and “RED Plan Awareness Training Instructions” handouts. He also stated that the RED Plan video is in its final production stages and that the EMS training program pilot will begin on February 5th.

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Cheryl Assis stated that, with the exception of the Reverse 911 project, all of the FY 04 projects are closed out. She said that DEMHS applied for an extension on the FY 05 homeland security funds and is awaiting approval. Ms. Assis reported several development sessions for the ROBIR system, which is part of the AFIS project, have been held. She also stated that \$2,800 in FY 05 homeland security monies have been allocated to each of the ten CERT teams in the region. Lastly, she stated that Dr. Goldman and CRCOG signed an MOU for his work as Project Leader on the Animal Response project.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella explained that planning work is now following the Hazard Identification Risk Analysis (HIRA) model, which is part of the National Response Framework (NRF). He reported that the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps Command/Cabana unit has been delivered in the State. He also reported on his continued work on resource typing and reviewed what will be required in the FY 07 homeland security grant application.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF 2 Communications – Keith Victor stated that Litchfield County Dispatch is on board with the Intercity program and that future plans include Connecticut being linked into Greater

Springfield. He also reported on the meeting in St. Louis on the State Communications Interoperability Program, scheduled for mid-February.

R-ESF 4 Firefighting – Chief Austin reported on a CRCFA meeting scheduled for that evening.

R-ESF 5 Emergency Management – Chief Austin reported on a March 11th planning meeting for the Spring drill, which will involve many of our ESFs.

R-ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reviewed the funding for MMRS, and stated that the 2008 guidance should be released soon. He also reported on the Region 1 FEMA quarterly meeting in Rhode Island, emphasizing FEMA's interest in substate and regional plans; the EMS section work on the concept of operations for strike teams; and the ordering and distribution of Mark I kits.

Steve Huleatt reported on the updates from DPH regarding influenza, stating that it has been a mild flu year but that the number of cases is increasing. He also reported on two scholarships, supported by homeland security funds, that will enable two Health Directors in the region to attend the Emergency Management Summit in Washington DC in early February.

R-ESF 9 Urban Search and Rescue – Dr. Vernesoni reported on the Connecticut Canine Search and Rescue (CCSAR) website, which can be found at www.ccsar.org. He also reported that three teams have been deployed on search and rescue missions. The teams are the Enfield CERT team, the Manchester Search and Rescue Bike Team, and the CT Canine Search and Rescue team.

R-ESF 10 Hazardous Materials – Chief Allyn reported on the Hazmat IQ training that is scheduled for March 20th and 21st at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex. The training is taught by experts from around the country. He also reported that the 32 foot hazmat trailer is built and should arrive in Connecticut during the first week of February. He stated that the 2006 sustainment funds are almost exhausted and DEMHS has applied for the 2007 funds.

R-ESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported that the animal response regional cache of equipment is complete. He is now focusing on recruiting and retaining volunteers and stated that the second ESF-11 specific CERT training will be held in the spring. He also stated that he is trying to engage animal control officers by reaching out to police chiefs. Lastly, he reported a talk he gave at a recent national conference on the National Response Framework and its implications for ESF-11.

R-ESF 16 Volunteer Management – Craig Hancock reported on a recent CERT graduation in East Hartford, which consisted of all senior citizens.

R-ESF 19 Special Needs Management – Stephen Thal reported on the Emergency Preparedness and Response for People with Disabilities training, a two and a half hour program slated to begin next month.

New Business

Tier II Request from Mass Mutual - Chief Austin reported on a request from Mass Mutual for Tier II information. Twenty-eight CREPC municipalities have elected to utilize CREPC as their

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and regulated facilities in these municipalities must submit an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form, or a Tier II, to CREPC.

Guest Speaker

James Mona, from the DOT, gave a presentation on Regional Diversion Plans.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.