

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
June 21, 2007
9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church

Call the meeting to order

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

Adoption of the minutes and handouts

Dr. Shaw, seconded by Dr. Goldman, made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting. Chief Austin reviewed the meeting handouts.

State Liaison Report

Tom Gavaghan reported on June 6th Emergency Management Conference. He also reported on the disaster shelter facility in Simsbury.

Unfinished Business

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Council Report of 6-14-07 – Chief Austin stated that the June 14th meeting was routine and announced that the FY 07 Regional Funding Formula was endorsed by the committee.

Training Coordination Project Report – Dan Scace, CRCOG Homeland Security Training Coordinator, referred to the distributed training report, which included CREPC sponsored training opportunities.

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Cheryl Assis reported on the correspondence between DEMHS and CRCOG regarding the FY 06 grant application. She stated that we are moving forward in terms of receiving the award and urged towns that have not done so already to send in their MOU and resolution. Ms. Assis also reported on the webinars held in June on the Reverse 911 system and stated that the Animal Rescue homeland security project will be closed out within the next few weeks.

Ms. Assis stated that, with support from the Capitol Region Chiefs of Police Association and each CRCOG community, the City of Hartford applied for a data-sharing grant through the United States Department of Justice for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) 2007 Technology Program grant.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF-5 Emergency Mgt – Chief Austin reported on the Shelter Exercise that was held over Memorial Day weekend in West Hartford. He stated that approximately 115 people participated in the drill, which included Red Cross training as well as a fifty bed operation. He said it was a great learning experience and a worthwhile opportunity for citizen volunteers to become involved in emergency management.

Chief Austin also referred to the Incident Management Team (IMT) handouts, which detailed the Connecticut IMT Project and All-Hazard IMT training through July 16-21 at the CT Fire Academy.

Don Janelle reported that the Manchester's Emergency Operations Center was set up during the Memorial Day Shelter Exercise and the CERT team was able to communicate with the shelter via data, photos, and voice. He also reported on the Government Emergency Telecommunications (GETS) card and said that CREPC is processing orders for ESF Chairs and Vice-Chairs and encouraged others to apply through their towns.

R-ESF-7 Resource Management – Bruce Lockwood reported on the National Inventory Resource Center.

R-ESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reported on the mass casualty trauma exercise in New Britain for the northern tier hospitals on June 9th. He stated that an after action report is forthcoming.

Holly Jacobs gave the Medical Reserve Corps update, referring to the handout outlining various MRC activities.

R-ESF-11 Animal Protection – Dr. Goldman reported on Public Act No. 07-11, An Act Concerning the Evacuation of Pets and Service Animals and Approval of the Local Emergency Plan of Operations, which requires towns to provide for pets and service animals in their plans. He also reported on House Bill 7025, which proposes that the community also consider horses and livestock in their emergency operations plans.

R-ESF-19 Special Needs Management – Jim Battaglio reported on the Emergency Response for People with Disabilities training, held throughout the region during the months of May and June. He also reported that the second phase of the Special Needs project, entitled “Tell Us Where You Are,” will focus on encouraging communication between municipalities and the special needs population.

New Business

House Bill 7024 – Chief Austin reported on House Bill 7024, An Act Creating an Intrastate Mutual Aid System. This bill enacts and commits towns to the terms of the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact, which provides a legal framework for towns to request and provide mutual aid when any member town declares a local civil preparedness emergency.

DEMHS Region 3 By-Laws – Chief Austin discussed the DEMHS Region 3 Regional Emergency Planning Team bylaws. It was decided that adoption of the by-laws would be an item on the July agenda, allowing committee members time to review them.

Guest Speaker

Chairperson William Austin, “What Israel Can Teach the U.S. about Homeland Security” – Chief Austin gave a powerpoint presentation on his recent educational tour in Israel where he spent twelve days as part of a group studying the homeland security and defensive measures used by Israel to counteract the terrorist threat.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.