

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
December 20, 2007 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 November 15, 2007 meeting.

State Liaison Reports

Tom Gavaghan reported on the web EOC review meeting, held with Coordinators and several EMDs the previous day. He stated that there will be a follow-up meeting held in the latter part of January and the project is expected to be implemented in June. He gave an update on the work being done on resource typing and also said that decisions regarding the school security grant program should be announced at the end of January. He stated that interviews for the Region 2 position will be held in January and appointment to the job will probably occur in February.

Unfinished Business

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace stated that the EMS training program is being piloted at St. Francis Hospital in February. He then provided a demonstration of how to navigate around the training portion of the CRCOG website. He also played a portion of the RED Plan training video, which is being released in January.

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 Rick Tardif and John Makara are working hard to get the system up and running and also that Reverse 911 had delayed training. She stated that work on the FY 05 homeland security projects is presently a top priority and that DEMHS is applying for an extension. Ms. Assis reported that CRCOG's FY 06 homeland security application was officially approved and large items on state contract had been ordered.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella reported that the MRC Command trailer should be arriving this week. He also reported on his continued work on resource typing, the hazmat response annex, and the Cities Readiness Initiative.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF 2 Communications – Keith Victor stated that Granby is on board with the Intercity program and that he is working with ESF-8 on the forward movement of patients plan.

R-ESF3 Public Works – Chief Austin announced that Dave Gofstein is the new Chair of ESF-3. Mr. Gofstein is the Superintendent of Public Works in Bloomfield.

R-ESF 4 Firefighting – Chief Whalen reported that 370 departments have been tagged with the Salamander system and that he plans to start bringing the system to the CREPC meetings in February.

R-ESF 5 Emergency Management – Chief Austin reported on the Nickel Mines Shooting presentation, held at the Public Safety Council meeting on December 6th. He commented on the quality of the presentation and also the importance of appreciating the differences in communities within a region.

Don Janelle reported on the Incident Management Team meeting held the previous day. He stated that the teams are currently recruiting and that the 2008 training schedule will be released shortly.

R-ESF 6 Mass Care – Tony Pignatello of the American Red Cross introduced himself as the Chairman of ESF-6.

Chris Baker reviewed a handout included in the meeting packet that informed the CREPC community of the Greater Hartford Canteen's move to Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford. He then presented Chief Austin with an appreciation plaque thanking him and the West Hartford Fire Department for the Canteen's four year stay at the West Hartford Firehouse.

R-ESF 7 Resource Management – Bruce Lockwood reported on the committee's research on resource typing software and on options for CREPC members to communicate with one another.

R-ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reviewed the congressional budget outlook for MMRS, which looks promising. He then reported on the purchase of MMRS Mark I kits for replacement by the end of March.

R-ESF 13 – Safety and Security (LE) – Chief Mulhall reported on the law enforcement projects submitted to CRCOG as part of its 2006 homeland security initiative. He reviewed the various projects. He also stated that four law enforcement projects were submitted to OPM as part of CRCOG's service sharing grant application.

R-ESF 15 – Chief Austin reported that Ed Lescoe is recovering well from two knee replacement surgeries and hopes to start attending meetings again early next year.

R-ESF 16 Volunteer Management – Chief Austin reported that the Hartford CERT team recently held its graduation and thanked all of those involved for making it a success.

R-ESF 19 Special Needs Management – Jim Battaglio reported on Chief Austin's appearance on Channel 30 to discuss disability registration programs for municipalities. He stated that the next phase will include promoting the programs through print.

New Business

Update on Greater Hartford Public Safety Academy – Chief Austin stated that plans for the academy are moving along. The goal is to provide young people at risk a unique academic opportunity. The academy is being sponsored by the Capitol Region Education Council.

Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grant Program – Chief Varney provide a thorough review of the PSIC grant program. Detailed information on the program is available on the DEMHS website.

AHIMT Training Proposal – Chief Austin discussed the All Hazards Incident Management Training (AHIMT) class, which is a six day class slated to be offered in the May/June timeframe.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.