

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
February 21, 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***

John Shaw, seconded by Ken Loock, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2008 meeting.

Chief Austin proposed suspending the meeting agenda in order to allow time for both scheduled speakers. John Shaw, seconded by Don Janelle, made a motion to accept this proposal. All in favor, so voted.

***Guest Speakers***

Chief Austin introduced Wayne Moore and Garth Klimchuk, Executive Vice President and President/CEO of CT Biodiesel. They gave a presentation on CT biodiesel's production facility, slated to be in operation late next year in Suffield, and provided an overview of the project's development. A lengthy and informative question and answer period followed.

The presentation that followed was given by Congressman Larson, who spoke to the group about various current issues, including the fire act grant and tax abatements for volunteer firefighters. He also provided an update on the President's current budget and fielded questions from CREPC members.

***State Liaison Report***

Tom Gavaghan reported on the web EOC progress as well as a communications exercise focused on the local distribution point process that will take place in June.

***New Business***

*Designation of Capitol Region as a UASI Region* – Chief Austin stated that two regions, Hartford and Bridgeport, were designated as eligible for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program for the federal fiscal year 2008. He stated that this grant involves a competitive process that CREPC members will hear more about in the future.

*Connecticut Veterinary Association Award to Dr. Arnold Goldman* – Chief Austin stated that Dr. Goldman had been honored as the Veterinarian of the Year at a national conference held in February.

*Regional Performance Incentive Grants* – Chief Austin referred to the press release included in the meeting packet announcing the \$5.2 million CRCOG is receiving for regional projects.

***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.