

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
June 19, 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

Chief Austin reviewed the meeting handouts. Keith Victor, seconded by Ed Lescoe, made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting.

State Liaison Reports

Tom Gavaghan reported on the Hurricane Workshop that DEMHS held the previous Tuesday for Emergency Managers. He stated that they had an excellent turnout and that several emergency units were present. He also reported on the local distribution point communications exercise, held on June 10th, which involved towns reporting their commodity requirements using the high band radio.

Paul Mounds, Congressman Larson's Federal Grants Coordinator, announced that the Department of Homeland Security is accepting applications for the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grants until June 27th. He stated that last year Windsor secured a SAFER grant.

Unfinished Business

Emer. Mgt. And Homeland Security Council Report – Chief Austin referred to the June 12, 2008 DEMHS Coordinating Council minutes included in the meeting packet.

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace reviewed the “Training Coordinator Report” and spoke about the FY 08 NIMS training requirements, the Red Plan training, and the success of the All Hazard Incident Management Training (AHIMT).

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Cheryl Assis reported CRCOG hired Kerry Flaherty as a temporary employee to help with the FY 07 homeland security resource typing project. She stated that CRCOG is focused on spending down the remaining FY 05 funds and that \$20,000 in training reimbursements were submitted by municipalities within the past month.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella reported on his work on the Regional Hazmat/LEPC Plan, the delivery of the large storage response trailer for the MMRS/MRC, and his involvement on the State's interagency supportive care shelter workgroup. He also stated that the next UAWG meeting is scheduled for June 27th.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF 1 Transportation – Ken Loock reported on ESF-1's tour of the State Armory EOC.

R-ESF 2 Communications – Keith Victor reported on the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) workshop. He stated that fifty-five people attended and a living document was created during the two-day workshop. He also reported on enhancements the State has made to the I-CALL system.

R-ESF 3 Public Works – David Gofstein reported on a statewide meeting he attended regarding a special interest area of the UConn Technology Transfer/School of Engineering.

R-ESF 5 Emergency Mgt – Chief Austin reported that thirty-two people attended the AHIMT training during the week of June 9- June 14th and that thirty of them volunteered to participate on the Incident Management Team.

R-ESF 6 Mass Care –Chris Baker stated that he is continuing to contact municipalities to make appointments to complete shelter surveys. He also reported on shelter training being done at The Hartford.

R-ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reported on the national MMRS meeting in Washington DC, MMRS funding, and the forward movement of patient's plan. He also reported on ESF 8's three month program that will analyze and redefine the way ESF does business. Steve Huleatt reported on local public health initiatives and funding levels.

R-ESF 10 Hazmat – Chief Austin reported on a hazmat tour of a facility in Bolton. He also stated that CRCOG is working on a LEPC freedom of information issue in East Hartford.

R-ESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported that sixty volunteers have completed animal response specific CERT training and another training is planned for the Fall. He also stated that his team is participating in the July 29th exercise and that the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association is funding a display for the ESF. He commented on Public Act 07-11, An Act Concerning the Evacuation of Pets and Service Animals and Approval of the Local Emergency Plan of Operations, as well as the need for the need for CREPC's ESF-11 to be a model for other regions in the State.

R-ESF14 Economic Recovery – Laurie Ann Scotti reported on her involvement in ESF-8 activities and her intent to have private sector individuals become more involved in CREPC activities and drills.

R-ESF 19 Special Needs Management – Stephen Thal reported on the special needs training that took place from March – June. He stated in fifteen sessions over three-hundred people in ten towns were trained. A major recommendation that arose was the need for dispatchers to be trained in the special needs area.

New Business

ESF-20 Resignation – Chief Austin stated that, due to a reassignment, Father Pavignano is resigning as the Chair of ESF 20, Disaster Faith Services, as of June 30th.

Guest Speaker

In his role as Chairperson of the UAWG, Chief Austin gave a powerpoint presentation on the UASI Grant process, which included the grants requirements as well as the funding requests and components of the investment justifications.

Chief Austin then introduced Dr. Joseph Ryan of the Naval Post Graduate School. Dr. Ryan is researching the concept of regionalization and how it impacts emergency preparedness.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.