

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
October 16, 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 9:33 a.m.

Adoption of the minutes and handouts

Chief Austin reviewed the meeting handouts. John Shaw, seconded by Don Janelle, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2008 meeting.

State Liaison Report

Tom Gavaghan reported that trainings on emergency management for schools were completed in Hartford and Hamden. He also stated that on November 3rd and 14th Commissioner Thomas will be meeting with local emergency management directors. Melanie Kerr reported on Web EOC training and also stated that the Department of Public Health allocated monies for a Web EOC system that will be integrated with the DEMHS system.

Unfinished Business

Emer. Mgt. And Homeland Security Council Report – Chief Austin referred to the October 9, 2008 DEMHS Coordinating Council minutes included in the meeting packet.

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace reported on the EMS training seminar, scheduled for November 24th and 25th in New Britain. He also said that the training and exercise planning workgroup will hold its first meeting next week.

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Cheryl Assis stated that CRCOG has until the end of December to complete the FY 05 homeland security projects. She stated that balances remain in the training and EOC projects. She said that Barbara Buddington is working on the FY 06 EOC project in which each town is allocated \$2,000 for EOC equipment. She stated that a 2006 radio study project may no longer be necessary and suggested that if this is the case, the funds be reallocated into the EOC project so that each town would be allocated \$3,000. Keith Victor, seconded by Bruce Lockwood, made a motion this effect. All in favor, so voted.

Ms. Assis also reported Reverse 911 has been thoroughly tested by the Farmington Police Department and that training for all system administrators will be held during the first week in December. Additionally, she stated the FY 07 spending plan was approved by the CRCOG Policy Board.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella reported that he represented the region at the October 14th Tactical Interoperability Communication Plan (TIC-P) table top exercise.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF 2 Communications – Chris Marvin reported that there were a total of sixty-five (65) participants and observers in the TIC-P exercise and an After Action Report is being completed.

R-ESF 4 Fire Fighting – Chief Oates reported on the CAPTAIN Fire project, stating that a conference call is scheduled for Friday. He also reported that Chief Whalen is working on a hardware update for the Salamander system and Chief Perez is working on updating and benchmarking task force information.

R-ESF 5 Emergency Mgt – Don Janelle reported on an ESF-5 meeting held the previous week and stated that Dan Dube is now a duty officer.

R-ESF 7 Resource Management – Bruce Lockwood stated that he is in the process of setting up a meeting with West Point with the goal of attaining some assistance with the resource project.

R-ESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reported on: the merger of the DEMHS and PHPAC Advisory Councils; his attendance at a FEMA Region 1 MMRS jurisdictions meeting in Boston; and a meeting at St. Mary's Home regarding plans for long-term care facilities. He also stated that hospital representatives are playing a larger role in ESF meetings and activities.

R-ESF 9 Search and Rescue – Peter Vernesoni reported that CT Canine Search and Rescue was approached by a team of detectives in Massachusetts to search for a college student who disappeared from UMass Dartmouth one year ago. Mr. Vernesoni described the four day search, the people involved, and the positive feedback the Connecticut team received.

R-ESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported that he has identified a colleague interested in sharing leadership of ESF-11.

R-ESF 19 Special Needs Management – Stephen Thal reported on the special needs training that will resume in January.

New Business

Appointment of New ESF 16 Chairperson – Chief Austin reported that Craig Hancock resigned as the ESF 16 Chair and shared the plaque that will be given to him. He announced that Dan Dube, former Chair of the RID team and Command Post meeting has agreed to Chair ESF-16.

Report of the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee – Chief Austin stated that the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee is Chaired by Doug Whalen (out of State and unable to give the report) and other members Betty Morris and Brian Heavren. Chief Austin once again stated that he will not be running again as CREPC Chair and recommended Bruce Lockwood and Dan Vindigni, both CREPC Vice-Chairs, for Chair. He also recommended Chief Richard Mulhall and Steve Huleatt for the position of Vice-Chair and asked if anyone else was interested in running or suggesting a nominee. Dan Dube nominated Dr. Goldman and Dr. Goldman accepted the nomination. Chief Austin stated that additional nominations should be communicated to Doug Whalen before the November meeting when elections will take place.

Guest Speaker

Chris Baker of the American Red Cross (ARC) gave a presentation on the ARC's recent reorganization, discussing new products, programs, and training.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.