

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
February 19, 2009 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chairman Vindigni chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:30 a.m.

Adoption of the minutes

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Laurie Ann Scotti, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Vindigni referred to the Chairperson's Report included in the meeting packet. He reported that the Governor's proposed budget includes fiscal initiatives for regionalism and that once the budget is complete the group will be briefed on them. He also stated that he met with staff from Congressman Joe Courtney's office and welcomed them to attend CREPC meetings.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Senator Ciotto introduced Conor Quinn, District Aide for Congressman Larson. Mr. Quinn gave an update on the Assistance to Firefighters grants.

Tom Gavaghan reported on the WebEOC training in March and the Emergency Management Symposium scheduled for May 12th. He also reported on the Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) FEMA program which was successfully piloted in three Connecticut school districts, including Avon, this year. He stated that the plan is to expand it to other schools in Connecticut during the upcoming year. Superintendents have been sent material and EMDs have been asked to support this program within the schools.

Unfinished Business

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Kristin Dean reported that on February 9th the CAPTAIN Fire committee members met with project vendors. The vendors submitted their final deliverables and the members accepted them. CRCOG is currently working on the roll out plan and within the next few weeks participating fire departments will be contacted regarding it.

Ms. Dean also reported that the Hartford Public Works CAPTAIN pilot is moving forward. CRCOG has had discussions with Telepartner, the CAPTAIN Administrator, and they are ready to meet the needs of public works users in terms of software, modem configuration, and inventory management.

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace referred to his handout, which included a training update and the proposed 2009 UASI investment justification structure. He reviewed both documents.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella reported on progress made on resource typing. He also reported on the March 3rd initial planning conference meeting for the Autumn Storm table

top exercise. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Hartford hotel in East Hartford. He stated that he and Karen Olson will be attending the All-Hazards Regional Evacuation Plans workshop in Arlington, VA on February 24-25th.

Report of the Standing Committees

RESF 4 Firefighting – Chief Austin reported that the speaker at that evening’s Capitol Region Fire Chiefs meeting was Peter Vernesoni, Chair of ESF-9 Search and Rescue. He also reported that the administration of the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is facing cuts and will continue to keep committee members apprised on this issue.

RESF 5 Emergency Management – Don Janelle reported that work filling the available positions for the Incident Management Team is moving along.

RESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Steve Huleatt gave a report on behalf of Dr. Shaw. He stated that Forward Movement of Patient’s Plan is now state wide and that the City Readiness Initiative is gearing up for their functional exercise scheduled for the first week of May. He also reported that the proposed Governor’s budget would do harm to public health departments, especially the regional ones.

RESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported that his CERT team is participating in the upcoming Middletown exercise as well as the Autumn Storm tabletop. He referred to the Connecticut State Animal Response Team (CTSART) brochure included in the meeting handouts and also thanked Dr. Asher for his help in gaining statewide, financial, and professional support and for CTSART.

RESF 16 Volunteer Management – Dan Dube reported on ESF-16’s newly created recruitment and retention subcommittee. He also reported on changes being made in the CERT training program and stated that advanced CERT training is being scheduled.

RESF 19 Special Needs Management – Stephen Thal reported on the completed and upcoming special needs trainings.

New Business

None

Guest Speakers

James McGaughey, Executive Director of the CT Office of Protection and Advocacy gave an overview of the agency. He asked for input from CREPC members on how the agency could best achieve its objectives. A discussion followed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.