

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
March 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

Dr. Goldman, seconded by Chief Whalen, made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Vindigni referred to the Chairperson's Report included in the meeting packet. He expanded upon the February 25th Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Region III quarterly meeting he attended in Agawam, which included a post-incident discussion on the December 11, 2008 ice storm. Part of the discussion focused on the large role that CERT teams played in the incident.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

There were no reports.

Unfinished Business

DEMHS Coordinating Council Report of March 12, 2009 – Kristin Dean stated that one of the items reported on at this meeting was the FY 2009 investment strategy for the homeland security grant program funds. She referred members to the DEMHS website for more information.

CRCOG HS Funded Projects update – Kristin Dean reported on a meeting between CRCOG and DEMHS that took place on March 11th where the FY 07 and 08 grant timelines and current spending plans were discussed. She also reported that the CAPTAIN Fire project is moving forward and that Telepartner is updating the CAPTAIN portal to make it more user friendly for CAPTAIN fire users. Lastly, she stated that CRCOG received the FY 07 homeland security grant award for the Capitol Region Haz-mat team. The \$44,000 grant will be spent on maintenance of equipment, resupply of detection sensors, and training.

Cheryl Assis reported on the status of the Reverse 911 homeland security project. She stated that the system was successfully tested in Farmington and is now being tested in New Britain and Simsbury. She reported that refresher training is being discussed.

Training Coordination Report – Dan Scace referred to his training update handout, which included a regional exercise update and the information on Middletown's April 17th exercise.

Urban Area Security Initiative – Dan Scace reported that the UAWG had met prior to the CREPC meeting and approved the three 2009 investment justifications totaling just over \$3 million. He also stated that the UAWG approved the 2008 funding plan for the long term care RFP. Responses for this RFP are due on March 30th.

Regional Planner Report –Carmine Centrella reported on the status of resource typing, giving an overview of the percentages of data collected for the various disciplines. He also reviewed the delinquent public works and fire departments.

Mr. Centrella reported on the March 3rd initial planning conference meeting for the Autumn Storm, an exercise that focuses on a severe ice storm. He described the upcoming events for the exercise, the next one being the April 14th final planning conference. This conference will begin with a one hour planning brief for chief elected and administrative officials.

Report of the Standing Committees

RESF 2 Communications – Chris Marvin reported that CP 17 is up and running. He also reported on Keith Victor's discussion with the Civil Support Team.

RESF 3 Public Works - Dave Gofstein reported on a Statewide ESF-3 Chair meeting he attended and the best practices learned at the meeting.

RESF 5 Emergency Management – Don Janelle reported on the committee's April 2nd meeting and the credentialing committees report that will be released shortly.

RESF 6 Mass Care – Katherine McCormack stated that Middletown's Shelter Drill will provide a good learning opportunity for mass care and that she is a lead controller for the drill.

RESF 7 Resource Management - Bruce Lockwood reported on his meeting with ESF-1, which focused on resource management and operationalizing ESF-1. He also reported on the interview committees he participated on recently for two CROG RFP's as well as the upcoming CREPC presentation New York State's Emergency Management Office on air disaster planning and management.

RESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dr. Shaw reported on the recent meeting of the regional ESF 8 chairs as well as recent ESF 8 activities. He also reported on the work of the ESF 8 sections (CMED and EMS, Hospital, Local Health, MMRS, and Medical Reserve Corps).

RESF 10 Hazmat – Gary Allyn reported on the recently held WMD course sponsored by the Hazmat team and Fuss & O'Neill.

RESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported on the CERT team training on April 25th and 26th.

RESF 13 Safety and Security – Chief Mulhall reported on work being done on the five year plan for the scuba, SWAT and bomb teams. He also reported on the state grant regarding the 700 MHz system and the explosive entry training the eight SWAT teams completed.

RESF 16 Volunteer Management – Dan Dube reported on new DEMHS guidelines on activation of CERT members. He also stated that CERT members are going to participate in the sheltering component of Middletown's April drill.

New Business

None

Guest Speakers

Chief James Barton, Captain Don Ellis, and Jason Flanagan gave a powerpoint presentation on the East Windsor Plane Crash. James

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.