

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
July 23, 2009 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chairman Vindigni chaired the meeting, called it to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Tom Gavaghan, made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting. Ken Loock, seconded by Brian Rykowski, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2009 meeting.

New Business

Dan Vindigni announced that Stephen Thal is the new Chair of ESF-19, Special Needs. Chairman Vindigni thanked Stephen for his outstanding effort with the special needs training to date and wished him luck in his new role as Chair.

Steve Huleatt gave an update on H1N1.

James “Skip” Thomas Award

Chairman Vindigni presented James Thomas with a plaque for his work as Commissioner of DEMHS. Chairman Vindigni read the plaque and stated that, as the first Commissioner of the agency, he set a high standard for public safety and homeland security planning in the State. The Commissioner also said a few words, emphasizing the importance of teamwork.

Special Planning for Autumn Storm

Carmine Centrella and Dan Scace gave a powerpoint presentation on Autumn Storm, focusing on steps that need to be taken in order to move forward successfully and prepare for the full scale exercise. The presentation included gaps identified, what we know and don't know, and concluded with the recommendation to postpone the full scale exercise in order to have time to produce a robust exercise planning process.

A discussion followed regarding the postponement of Autumn Storm. Don Janelle, seconded by Chief Austin, made a motion to move the exercise after March 15, 2010. Then, Don Janelle, seconded by Keith Victor, proposed a friendly amendment to the motion stating that the exercise should occur between March 15, 2010 and June 1, 2010. All in favor, so voted.

Chief Austin reviewed ESF-5's role in the planning process and the coordination that needs to take place with the incident management team. He also said that the completion of the RCC in Manchester is within sight.

Chairman Vindigni stated that CREPC is at a critical point in terms of further developing its operational side and reiterated the importance of looking at ourselves and doing it right.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.