

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
February 18, 2010 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

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

Adoption of the Minutes

John Shaw, seconded by Brian Rykowski, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting.

Chair Vindigni reminded everyone of the RCC Dedication this afternoon, and noted that the completion of this project is a major accomplishment for the region.

Chris Baker, ARC, reported that the South Church now has an AED. He also distributed a flyer describing the ARCs program to assist businesses in becoming “Red Cross Ready.”

Region III Coordinator Report

Tom Gavaghan acknowledged the CERT teams for their assistance in providing support to first responders at the Middletown incident site earlier this month. He announced upcoming training, including WebEOC 2/25; EOC Operations course 2/23 – 2/26; COOP Overview 2/23 at Rentschler Field, to be followed by a COOP 2-day training course (TBA); HSEEP training 2/25, 3/4, and 3/11; and a senior officials workshop on 5/11 in East Hartford.

Unfinished Business / Updates

FY 08 Proposed Spending Plan: In the absence of Cheryl Assis, Carmine Centrella gave a brief presentation on the proposed FY 08 Homeland Security Grant Program spending plan. He noted that the total grant available to the Region is \$146,000 less than for FY 07, and that most projects included represent continuations of current programs. He also noted those projects that had been in the 07 plan but are not included in this proposed plan for 08, and those projects that are new for 08. Bill Austin, seconded by Peter Vernesoni, made a motion to accept the FY 08 Spending Plan as presented. There was no discussion. So voted.

Carmine also read the names of the towns who have not yet submitted their MOUs that are needed for CRCOG to be able to receive these grant funds. He urged those present to encourage their CEOs to submit these as soon as possible.

Dan Scace noted recently completed and upcoming training opportunities, and reminded the group of the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, scheduled for February 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and encourage participation. He described some of the training programs that might be candidates for inclusion in the 3-year plan that will be developed at this workshop. He also noted that training and equipment for the IMT, which played an important role in the Middletown event, was funded through CREPCs earlier Homeland Security spending plans, and that the state has also supported this effort by providing an additional \$30,000 for position specific training and an additional \$75,000 in training and exercise funds. He is also working on developing the Investment Justifications for the UASI 2010 application.

Regional Planning Activities – Carmine Centrella

- Aetna’s corporate security department is interested in having their contingency planners be a part of CREPC. He has offered to meet with them, and invited them to today’s meeting.

- UConn Health Center Fire Dept has been merged with the UConn/Storrs Fire Dept. A representative of the Health Center FD attended today's meeting.
- Work on the HAZMAT plan continues.
- Some of his attention has turned to the Interoperability Grant Program. There will be interviews on 3/3 to select a contractor to complete the TIC-P and CASM.
- The Autumn Storm FSE is scheduled for May 18. The Public Safety Academy has joined as a new player. The mid-term planning conference will be on March 2.
- He encouraged attendance at the Supportive Care Shelter Workshop on 3/18 (flyer distributed).

Standing Committee Reports

- *RESF 1* – (Karen Olson) Reminder of the Quick Clearance that is scheduled for March 23, 8:30 – 1:30 at ConnDOT.)
- *RESF 2* – (Mike Boucher) Reported on communities that had used intercity frequencies for mutual aid, with no reported problems.
- *RESF 4* – (Bill Austin) The RESF meets tonight in Bloomfield.
- *RESF 5* – (Don Janelle) Reminder of today's RCC dedication. The RCC supported the Middletown incident.
- *RESF 8* – (John Shaw) RESF 8's March 3 meeting will be replaced by a public forum to publicize the document developed on Alternative Standards of Care. 8:15 – noon, and registration is required.
- *RESF 14* – (Laurie Ann Scotti) She has contacted Aetna regarding their CREPC participation, and has publicized the need through private sector contacts for the donation of a conference table/chairs to the RCC.
- *RESF 19* – (Brian Rykowski) Provided a brief update on special needs training efforts.
- *RESF 20* – Rev. Evelyn McMahon. Thanked those RESF chairs who had met with her to discuss the expectations for this RESF. She will continue to meet with people to clarify her role. She already has some clergy who are willing to volunteer to participate.

The next meeting is March 18, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.