

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
May 20, 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.

Adoption of the Minutes

John Shaw, seconded by Ed Lescoe, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2010 meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Chair Vindigni thanked all those who planned, helped with, and participated in the full scale exercise on Tuesday, with special thanks to Dan Scace and Carmine Centrella. He also reported that the CREPC meeting scheduled for July is cancelled. After the June meeting, the group will next meet in September.

Conor Quinn from Congressman Larson's office gave an update on grants. DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan could not attend the meeting, but provided a written report, which was distributed.

Unfinished Business, Updates

Barbara Buddington reported that the 2008 grant funds will soon be available and that the 2006 grant will be closed out by the June meeting.

Dan Scace reported on upcoming training opportunities and offered assistance to anyone having difficulty in taking the on-line FEMA ICS courses. He also asked for hosts for regional ICS 300 and ICS 400 training courses. He reported that the three year training and exercise plan is posted on CRCOG's website, and that an "improvement planning" conference will be scheduled next fall to fix issues identified in after action reports. Several representatives from the region will be attending the June UASI conference in New Orleans, and three will be presenters. The next UAWG meeting will be next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the CRCOG conference room.

Carmine Centrella thanked many who went above and beyond their anticipated roles for the full scale exercise. He noted a few glitches in the planning – learning experiences for the future. Federal observers were impressed with several aspects of the exercise response – especially by the regional SWAT team and the use of CERT teams.

Standing Committee Reports

(RESFs not listed below either had no report or were not present)

- *RESF 1* – (Karen Olsen) They completed a traffic incident self-assessment facilitated by a federal representative. She participated in the full scale exercise as an RESF 1 representative.
- *RESF 4* – (Bill Austin) RESF 4 meets tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- *RESF 5* – (Don Janelle) Duty officers at the RCC will be 3-deep, and they are starting a mentoring program for new participants. He asked that all RESF chairs provide digital data related to their RESF so that it can be loaded onto the computers at the RCC.
- *RESF 6* – (Katherine McCormack) The next meeting is June 14 at 1:30 p.m. at CRCOG
- *RESF 8* – (John Shaw) They expect to issue an RFP for an electronic patient monitoring system by September. Some components of their draft communications plan were exercised at the FSE on Tuesday. They are surveying hospitals in the region to determine the need for CMED back-up radios. Duty officers will be expanded from four to six. A Long Term Care Facilities section will be added to ESF 8. Approximately 200 people attended the table top exercise on the Long Term Care Facilities plan.

- *RESF 9* – (Peter Vernesoni) They have participated in six searches so far this year. This is National Search and Rescue week, and the US Senate passed resolution honoring those who participate in search and rescue missions.
- *RESF 10* – (Carmine Centrella) They are working to integrate 20 members of the Hartford Police Fire Department into the HAZMAT team.
- *RESF 11* – (Arnold Goldman) They have retained 50% of the volunteers who have signed on to participate in the SART, and they continue to receive new applications daily. It is a challenge to maintain the database and to keep them involved. This RESF is looking to do some cross training.
- *RESF 16* – (Dan Dube) Thanks to Sylvia Dake for filling in at the full scale exercise. Meetings are the first Monday of the month, 10:00 a.m. at CRCOG. The CERT conference will be September 7-8, and will be held at Waters Edge again. Sylvia will be contacting towns with CERT teams to gather operational data. They continue to work on onsite volunteer management issues.
- *RESF 19* – (Steve Thal) They trained 37 individuals in Burlington earlier this week. They are participating in the Long Term Care Facilities planning process. So far this year, 1400 individuals have received training. Four members will be attending the CCCI emergency planning conference in June.
- *RESF 21* – (Carmine Centrella) A contractor will be reviewing the emergency plans of five private colleges in the region and making recommendations for improvements. Project completion is anticipated by the end of the calendar year. Cheryl Assis added that the five colleges are applying for a federal grant to formally plan together and jointly hire an Emergency Operations Coordinator and she signed a letter of CRCOG support for this application.

New Business – none

Middletown Kleen Energy Incident, February 7, 2010

George Dunn, Middletown Emergency Management Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation and detailed account of the response to this incident and the use of a unified command structure.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is June 17, 2010.