

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)  
April 21, 2011, 9:30 a.m.  
South Congregational Church, Hartford

***Call the meeting to order***

Chair Brian Heavren chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:40 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Comment***

There was no public comment.

***Adoption of the Minutes***

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Bill Austin, made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2011, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

***Federal and State Liaison Reports***

Tom Gavaghan reported on continuing process for reimbursements from FEMA related to the January snow storm, DEMHS' "Save the Children" initiative to make sure that emergency plans include provisions for the special needs of children, upcoming Center for Domestic Preparedness training, and Web EOC training. He reported that Dave Brown has moved to the private sector and is no longer at DEMHS, that the Commissioner will be announcing the recipients of the Phase II Generator Grants soon, and that the National Terrorism Advisory System has been revised. He also invited Region 3 to have a display at the upcoming (May 3) CCM Homeland Security conference.

***Unfinished Business***

***Regional Planner Report:*** In the absence of Carmine Centrella, Dan Scace presented a combined report on regional planning and training. He reviewed the exercise schedule – what has been completed to date and upcoming events in the series. Planning has been completed for the functional exercise (medical aspects of WMD response – scheduled for 6/15). Web EOC will also have updates leading up to the functional exercise. He also presented a list of training/exercise-related events that are in the planning stages, including a Web EOC functionality workshop, a TIC-P workshop to tackle some of the items in the last IAP, and a seminar on local-regional-state coordination, among others. He also provided information on the next ICS training opportunities.

***UASI Update:*** Dan reported that we are nearing the end of the 08 UASI grant, and commented on the uncertainties of future UASI funding. He announced that GMMB was selected as the consulting firm to lead the new Citizen Preparedness initiative, and the kick-off meetings for this project will be on May 2-3

***Presentation: "Building Real Capabilities via Effective Exercises:*** Dan led the group through a presentation prepared by our exercise consultants, TetraTech, to provide background and information on the process of preparing and going through an exercise, what is expected of participants, and what is needed if the exercise is to succeed in appropriately testing one or more of the region's targeted capabilities.

***New Business***

***Region III Training and Exercise Reimbursement Policy:*** Chief Bill Austin, seconded by Don Janelle, made a motion to approve the policy document as distributed. Discussion followed, during which an amendment was offered and approved to change the wording of Note #4 to reflect that reimbursements are limited to the caps imposed by the State's Grant Policy #1. These limits are currently at \$25/hour and \$200/day. After further discussion, all in favor, so voted.

Bill Austin reported that he would like to work toward getting the State to increase the reimbursement limits that were set in Grant Policy #1 in 2007. He asked if CREPC would support an increase to \$300/day (\$37.50/hour). Vic Puia, seconded by Don Janelle, made a motion that CREPC support such an increase. All in favor, so voted.

### ***Reports of Standing Committees***

***RESF 4*** – (Chief Austin) The committee meets tonight. He also reported that they lost a firefighter this week. The funeral is on Saturday.

***RESF 6*** – (Katherine McCormack) The next meeting of the committee is 5/16.

***RESF 9*** – (Peter Vernesoni) The Region now has a new resource – a “mounted Search and Rescue” team. A unit of the Governor’s Horse Guard has been trained and tested and is now ready for deployment. They are also grained in Ground S&R.

***RESF 10*** – (Brian Heavren) There have been two cases of chemically induced suicides in suburban communities. Communities – and the Hazmat team – should be aware of this.

***RESF 11*** – (Arnie Goldman) – There is now a lead veterinary leader in each of the five DEMHS regions in the state, so a robust mutual aid system is now in place. He is assessing the need to build up the core group of CERT volunteers. There will be training in horse rescue tonight in Canton for the Region 3 SART.

***RESF 19*** – (Steven Thal) Reported on recent and upcoming training sessions and reported that 1,926 people have been trained to date. They are encouraging more towns to use the special needs training resources that we have available.

***RESF 20*** – (Brian Heavren) Reported for Evelyn that this RESF is putting together a program for clergy on disaster response.

Katherine McCormack and Don Janelle will be chairing the CERT awards committee again this year. A request for nominations will be going out shortly, and she asked that everyone give careful consideration to nominees and support this process.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m. The next meeting is May 19, 2011.