

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

Call the meeting to order

Vice-Chair Laurie Ann Scotti chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:40 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced William Austin as the new CRCOG Homeland Security Coordinator.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Brian Rykowski, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2011, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

In Tom Gavaghan's absence, Dan Scace read a written update from the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Unfinished Business

Regional Planner Report: No report

Training Coord. Report/UASI Update: Dan Scace reported on the upcoming ESF-13 focused TTX, gave an exercise update, outlined upcoming ICS training sessions, highlighted the upcoming T&EPW meeting and reported that CRCOG is getting ready to close out the FY 08 UASI grant.

In addition, he reported on the citizen preparedness campaign and there was consensus on the slogan "Get Ready Capitol Region".

Presentation: "Functional Needs support Services in General Population Shelters": Rick Knight, the State Mass Care Shelter Lead from the American Red Cross provided a full update.

New Business

Cheryl Assis stated that the body previously moved the reverse notification system project (\$100,000) from the FY 07 to the FY 08 funding year. At this point, since Everbridge is up and running, there is no longer a need to fund this project. She recommended moving the funds to the training line item as there is only about \$10,000 left in FY 08 Training. John Shaw, seconded by Will Perez made a motion to transfer the reverse notification line item to the training line item. All in favor, so voted.

Reports of Standing Committees

RESF 4 – (Chief Perez) The committee meets tonight.

RESF 5 – (William Austin) Don Janelle will be the Deputy Chair of ESF-5. They are in the process of reorganizing and recently participated in the LTC drill and established communications via Twitter.

RESF 6 – (Katherine McCormack) She and Chris Baker plan to meet with William Austin and Cheryl Assis shortly to discuss moving forward. Chris Baker stated that there was a sheltering drill scheduled for June, however it was postponed due to the Springfield incident. They did conduct a feeding drill with East Hartford.

RESF 8 – (John Shaw) He reported on the LTC drill and the fact that several other DEMHS regions are now looking at LTC Mutual Aid Plan projects.

RESF 11 – (Arnold Goldman) – Reported on a recent CT Dog Foundation event which was held at Cabela's.

RESF 13 – (Cheryl Assis) – Reported that three SWAT teams recently took delivery of new rapid deployment vehicles.

RESF 16 – (Dan Dube) – Reported that the Statewide Citizen Corps Council has recently been disbanded and councils are waiting for a restructuring plan from the State. Until this occurs, the Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council meetings have been cancelled.

RESF 19 – (Steven Thal) Reported that there are Braille copies of Red Cross training materials available at Tom Gavaghan's office. Almost 2,000 people have been trained to date. He and Brian Rykowski will attend a FEMA conference in September.

RESF 20 – (Carmine Centrella) Reported that they will be holding a training program for clergy on disaster response this Friday and Saturday.

Carmine Centrella stated that the AAR for the Functional Exercise will be held next Thursday from 8:30 until 3:30.

Don Janelle stated that members with GETS cards should test them yearly.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is September 15, 2011.