

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
October 20, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chairman Brian Heavren called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 September 15, 2011, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan reported on post-hurricane Irene activities, including the requests for public assistance from towns, state agencies, and public and private nonprofits. DEMHS has held meetings for EMDs throughout the state to get feedback on the state's response to Irene and to provide information on the reorganization of the agency.

Unfinished Business

Regional Planner Report

Carmine Centrella reported that RESP revisions are due to DEMHS by the end of December. He will be emailing out pertinent portions of the plan for update and requests a 2-week turnaround. The LEPC and Hazmat Response plan is finished and is on the CRCPG website for review. This needs to be reviewed by community LEPC points of contact, and incorporated into their local EOPs. The TICP has been emailed out to all those who attended the workshop and should be completed next month.

Training Coordinator Report

Dan Scace reviewed the exercise series – activities accomplished and yet to come in 2011, and those scheduled/planned for 2012. There will be series of communications drills in 2012 and a regional emergency management seminar on March 15. Topics of other future seminars may include Web EOC functionality, local-regional-state coordination, regional shelter operations, and recovery operations. He also reviewed the training schedule, noting that the ICS-300 will return to a 3-day format.

The next UAWG meeting is scheduled for 10/27 at CRCOG. Development of the spending plan for the 2010 UASI grant is underway.

The web site for the Citizen Preparedness campaign is being developed. He gave an overview of the planned general layout of the home page.

Presentation: "23011 Incident Management Program"

Robert Kennedy, Senior Transportation Engineer, ConnDOT, described how ConnDOT monitors traffic on State Highways and how they receive, respond to, and share information on traffic incidents. He explained how to find information on the ConnDOT website and how to sign up for alerts for any or all highway districts through e-alerts and twitter feeds. He also shared information on DOT resources that can be made available in an emergency. He noted that Diversion Route Plans are available on the website, and suggested that CREPC participants become familiar with these plans.

New Business - none

Reports of Standing Committees

- a.* RESF 1 Transportation – Karen Olson reported that the Statewide Traffic Incident workgroup is being reorganized. Before Irene, she emailed out to EMDs a resource list of available transportation assets in case they might be needed.
- b.* RESF 5 Emergency Mgt – Bill Austin participated in the General Assembly’s public hearings on the state’s response to Irene. A summary of the findings of the hearings was presented to the CRCOG Policy Board. He is currently working on a report to analyze where Region 3/CREPC stands relative to the findings and recommendations. The next meeting of RESF 5 is October 24.
- c.* RESF 6 Mass Care – Chris Baker reported on the development of the regional shelter in East Hartford and using it as a template for other areas.
- d.* RESF 8 Public Health and Medical Services – John Shaw reported on MMRS activities locally, nationally, and regionally. RESF 8 is reviewing/updating its strategic plan, giving consideration to what they will be able to do if they have no future funding. With current UASI funding, the LTC facilities mutual aid plan will be extended to include 11 acute care hospitals. This plan and the electronic patient tracking system were used during Irene. He reported that he will be retiring at the end of December. Carmine Centrella will then be responsible for the MMRS program. Based on an ESF- 8 recommendation, John Shaw, seconded by Bill Austin, made a motion that the CRCOG Executive Director enter into an agreement with David Kosciuk for the purpose of providing ESF- 8 management services. All in favor, so voted.
- e.* RESF 11 Animal Response – Dr. Goldman reported that RESF had a presence at the Expo Center a couple of weeks ago, and it was well received.
- f.* RESF 16 Volunteer Management – Dan Dube noted that the Statewide and Capitol Region Citizen Corps Councils have started meeting again, and CERT funding is again available.
- g.* RESF 19 Special Needs Management – A written report was submitted. Brian Rykowski gave a brief report on recent training.
- h.* RESF 20 Faith Based Organizations – Rev. Evelyn McMahon reported that there is a meeting tonight at First Cathedral, and Chief Austin will be the speaker.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.02 a.m. The next meeting is November 17, 2011.