

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
January 19, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Vice Chairman Mark Sirois called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

CL&P's emergency preparedness representative Bill Quinlan introduced himself and expressed appreciation for the invitation to participate in CREPC meetings. Bob DiBella, Glastonbury EMD, expressed appreciation to CREPC for their outreach and cooperation during the October storm.

Adoption of the Minutes

Dan Dubé, seconded by Ed Lescoe, made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2011, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan reported that there will be a Hazard Mitigation grant meeting at the RCC on January 24. He announced that the department plans to fill openings for Regional Coordinator and Program Specialist.

Unfinished Business/Updates

Dan Scace reviewed upcoming training classes (registration is available through CTtrain.org). He also described the phases of the upcoming drill series to test all interoperable communications systems, probably beginning in late March/early April. The AAR for the last exercise focusing on RESF 13 is being finalized, and a follow-up full scale exercise is planned for later this year. The UASI 2008 grant is being closed out. He demonstrated the Citizen Preparedness website that is being developed, and encouraged continued input.

Presentation:

Doug Glowacki, DESPP Emergency Management Program Specialist, presented the "October Northeaster After Action Report." He noted that the combined damage from hurricane Irene and the late October northeaster ("Alfred") was much less than we might expect from a Class III hurricane. Because of our experience with the Irene and Alfred, we will be better prepared if such a major storm hits our area. The AAR is available on request. He encouraged municipalities to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grants that are available. There will be an evening class for National Weather Service's SKYWARN Training on May 16 in Canton.

New Business

Acting for the LEPC for participating communities, CREPC is required to periodically update its HAZMAT plan. A draft was sent out to municipalities for review, and the updated draft posted on CRCOG's website. Mike Turner, seconded by Ed Lescoe, made a motion to adopt the HAZMAT Plan as updated. All in favor, so voted. It was noted that this HAZMAT plan serves as an annex to municipal EOPs for participating municipalities. The plan is available on the CRCOG website.

Reports of Standing Committees

- RESF 1: Karen Olsen noted that the transportation resources document previously developed would be sent out to municipalities for updating. She asked that the updates be completed and returned to her.
- RESF 4: Will Perez noted that a meeting is scheduled for tonight.

- RESF 5: Bill Austin reported that they have developed and reviewed a two-page checklist for emergencies intended to guide actions of chief elected officials. It will be presented to the CRCOG policy board on January 25, and will then be widely distributed to chief elected officials and emergency management directors. They are developing a new resource – an Emergency Accountability team to assist municipalities, particularly in emergencies with multiple phases. The RESF 5 annex to the RESP has been updated as a follow-up to the two storms last fall. RESF 19 (Functional Needs) annex makes it clear that RESF 19 is not a response function, but members are used for subject matter expertise. Eleven new CERT teams are being trained in the Capitol Region alone (275 people).
- RESF 6: Chris Baker announced that their next meeting will be on the morning of January 24. Towns have expressed interest in shelter operations training.
- RESF 8: Dave Kosciuk reported that they are working on the extension of the Long Term Care Plan.
- RESF 13: Chief Sirois reported that they are planning for the functional exercise later this year.
- RESF 15: Ed Lescoe reported that they are looking for additional individuals interested in being Public Information Officers.
- RESF 16: Dan Dubé noted that the Statewide Citizens Corps Council meets today.
- RESF 20: Bill Austin met yesterday with a group of pastors in Bloomfield, discussing what resources they might be able to offer the communities in an emergency and how they might best take care of their own congregations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is February 16, 2012.