

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)  
September 20, 2012, 9:30 a.m.  
South Congregational Church, Hartford

***Call the meeting to order***

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Mark Sirois called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was delayed slightly due to an accident on the highway preventing the guest speaker and several other attendees from arriving. Those present introduced themselves.

***Public Comment - none***

***Adoption of the Minutes***

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Brian Rykowski, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2012, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

***Federal and State Liaison Reports***

DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan introduced the new Regional Planner Mary Rose Duberek adding it was good to have more staff on board, which is one of the lessons learned from the storms last fall. He then reported an ESF-5 liaison officer was used on the Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) exercise in July. It was good and there is room for improvement. He reminded the group of the EMD meeting on October 1. The afternoon session is at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex and the evening session is at the Regional Coordination Center in Manchester. Other activities include an employee training session in Enfield and an MDC drill on October 10. Andover has a new EMD, Paul Bancroft and Hebron has Bill Kramer. East Granby has an opening for an EMD.

***Unfinished Business***

***Regional Planner Report***

Carmine Centrella briefed on the National Preparedness Conference that he and Chief Austin attended. Key discussions included funding (grants are likely to be extended so all funds can be spent as intended) and THIRA, Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. He recommends Region 3 do their own THIRA in the event funds become available we will be in a better position.

***Training Coordinator Report***

Dan Scace noted that there is an ICS-300 class to be done on October 16, 17 and 19 at the East Hartford Public Safety Complex. Sign up on [ct.train.org](http://ct.train.org) or call him to register. In addition, a combined Training and Exercise Planning Workgroup meeting and Improvement Planning Conference is being planned for December 20. In addition the new RESP training program is available on [ct.train.org](http://ct.train.org) - course number 1033202.

***Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Update***

Dan Scace briefed that the RESF chairs are critical to the decision and requests for funds should all go through the respective RESF chairs. He briefed on the UAWG meeting conducted on September 6, 2012 and the decisions made

Dan Scace stated that Stephen Foley would be joining the team as a Camber Corp employee. Dan and Stephen will be job sharing until Dan retires, at which point Stephen will take over training and UASI duties.

***New Business***

***NLE Communications Exercise Report***

Bill Austin introduced the topic and showed the FEMA video produced on the CT phase of the exercise.

### *CT-IMT 3 Deployment Report*

Bill Perkins briefed that 7 members of our Type 3 IMT deployed to California to support a Type 1 team for the Fort Complex fire. All members were integrated and performed well. A full report will be presented at the October CREPC meeting.

Bill Perkins briefed that the Natural Hazard Mitigation plan is moving forward. Meetings have been held in Glastonbury and with RESF-5. Flooding, hurricanes and winter storms are biggest concerns of RESF-5.

### *Establish 2013 Ad Hoc Nomination Committee*

Chief Mark Sirosis stated that Katherine McCormack has agreed to chair the committee and are preparing for elections at the November meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Katherine.

### *Road Ahead Report – Report and action items*

Bill Austin briefed that the report item related to consolidating RESFs would not be done. This allows all the current positions on the UAWG and CREPC Steering Committee to remain. He then explained the desire to change to quarterly CREPC meetings and monthly Steering Committee meetings. Don Janelle moved, and Dan Dube seconded, that the ESF chairs, CREPC chair and CREPC co-chairs form the CREPC Executive Committee and meet in the off months from the quarterly meetings to conduct CREPC business. All voted so in favor. Ed Lescoe moved, and Bob Dibella seconded, that regular CREPC meetings be held quarterly in January, April, July and October. All voted so in favor. Bill Austin explained this would be in effect starting in January 2013.

### ***ESF – Selected Committee Reports***

#### *ESF-2*

Carmine Centrella explained that CP-12 has been replaced with a new vehicle housed and maintained by South Windsor. Call RICS for access.

#### *ESF-8*

Carmine Centrella briefed the HMAP exercise would be on November 15. More information will be available at the October ESF-8 meeting. In addition he briefed that Hartford Hospital conducted a decon exercise yesterday involving the Regional team, UCONN and Hartford Fire Dept.

#### *ESF-16*

Dan Dube announced Farmington and Burlington are establishing new CERTs. Teams in Newington and Tolland are in development. Several other programs are in progress. In addition, CERT weekend is this weekend at the Ct Fire Academy.

#### *ESF-13*

Cheryl Assis briefed that CRCOG did an RFP for a Bomb Squad Response vehicle with one response received from Pierce which the bomb squad was satisfied with. Authorization is needed for the CRCOG Executive Director to issue a purchase order/enter into an agreement with Pierce for the procurement of the vehicle which will cost \$658,311 from the 09 UASI grant. Don Janelle moved, and Ed Lescoe seconded that CREPC authorize this. All in favor, so voted.

#### *ESF-19*

Stephen Thal briefed the Functional Needs Unit had trained 2,738 people to date. The latest successful training is on going with officers from the Hartford Police Department. By November they will have trained over 3,000. In addition they are working with Kathy Dean to train behavioral health teams in all of the Regions. They are also involved in the Bristol Function Needs pilot program and did a special program recently for the Town of Manchester. Each presentation is customized for the audience and Stephen encouraged any town that has not had training to contact him to set it up.

### ***Presentation: “NOAA’s New Capabilities” Mr. Glenn Field, NOAA Office, Taunton, MA.***

Mr. Field presented an overview of the National Weather Service’s chat (for desktop) and interactive chat (for mobile phones) services provided by NOAA which is accessible to emergency managers and the general population. The programs can be easily located by “google-ing” “NWS chat”.

***Future Meetings***

The next meeting is October 18, followed by meetings in November and December.

***Adjournment***

Ed Lescoe moved and Will Perez seconded that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.