

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
October 18, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chair Brian Heavren called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 September 20, 2012, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan. He reminded those present of the community resiliency grants available to towns. He called attention also to the availability of hazard mitigation grants for municipalities. The workgroup for the statewide exercise is still functioning. DEMHS will be reviewing their template for the municipal EOPs, so municipalities should wait until the new template is available before making major format changes. DEMHS will be providing training on planning for the needs of children in disasters – one workshop is scheduled in each DEMHS region, with an extra workshop in Region 3. Region 3 dates are Saturday November 17 and Tuesday November 27. Both will be at the Wethersfield Police Department. DEMHS purchased a supply of Pack & Play's for emergency shelters using unobligated 2008 grant funds.

CT-IMT 3 Fort Complex Deployment Report

Bill Perkins, CT-IMT-3, gave a presentation describing the recent deployment of the IMT to fight extensive fires in California, and stressed lessons learned. He has prepared an after action report on the deployment.

Unfinished Business

Training Coordinator Report

In the absence of Dan Scace, Bill Perkins called attention to upcoming ICS 300 and ICS 400 training opportunities. The CREPC December 15 meeting will focus on training and exercise plans.

Regional Planner Report

Carmine Centrella noted that the RESP revisions this fall will be minor and will be handled at a meeting of RESF Chairs. As noted before, a THIRA (Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) will be prepared for the Hartford UASI and will be used to identify needs for future funding. MMRS 09 funding is almost fully expended. Some 2009 and/or 2010 funding is planned to be used to contract for training for local health department personnel on core competencies that they are required to meet. Carmine will be making a presentation on the region's long term care mutual aid plan at an upcoming meeting of the National Healthcare Coalition.

Bill Perkins reported that the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is ongoing. Meetings are in progress with individual municipalities and maps included in the plan are being revised.

New Business

St. Francis HMAP full-scale exercise, November 15

Carmine reported that about half a dozen hospitals will be participating in this exercise, which is being run by Russell Phillips. A regional Medical Coordination Center will be set up at the RCC. EM Track will be used for patient tracking.

Plum Island Facilities

Carmine Centrella reported on a National Planners Course – and introduction to the Federal Plan development process – attended by several people from DEMHS and the DEMHS regions. He described the resources at Plum Island and how they might be useful for Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness planning, training, and exercising.

ESF – Selected Committee Reports

No reports.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, but may be changed because of the conflict with the HMAP full-scale exercise. Meetings are also scheduled for December 20, 2012, and January 17, 20123

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.