

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
November 15, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chair Brian Heaven 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

Brian Rykowski, seconded by Ed Lescoe, made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2012, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports - none

AAR of CREPC activities during Hurricane Sandy

Bill Austin summarized key performance points for Region 3 during the recent hurricane. Pre-storm communications (Everbridge, GetReady website, email, twitter, and conference calls with the Governor) began well ahead of the storm and worked well. The Region 3 liaison to the state EOC was useful to both the state and the region. Web EOC was utilized more effectively for this event than in the past. Key RESFs were represented at the RCC, and periodic operational updates were sent out. The LTC plan activation went smoothly. Some of the issues that arose: WebEOC would be more useful if used on a daily basis; we need to resolve the cots problem (where did they all go?); we need to recruit more people to serve on various teams (such as the IMT and the MRC); mission alignment needs to be addressed. Comments from those present: disappointment with the length of time that it took to get cots delivered in response to a request to the state; we need a uniform approach to the use of regional assets (such as supplies/equipment for animal sheltering; need to be able to reach people during non-business hours; need for personal care assistance at shelters (vs calling for medical assistance);

Plum Island Planning Update

Carmine Centrella provided a brief follow-up on the information provided at last month's meeting.

Introduction of Training Coordinator Stephen Foley

Dan Scace introduced Stephen Foley who will be replacing him as training coordinator. They will be working together for the next several months to make a smooth transition. Stephen called attention to upcoming changes in the National Response Framework and to NIMS.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee Report – On behalf of the nominating committee, Katherine McCormack presented a proposed slate of officers for the CREPC elections at the December meeting: Chair (2 years) - Bruce Lockwood; 1st Vice Chair (2 years) – Don Moore. Also, because Laurie Ann Scotti has withdrawn from her position as 2nd Vice Chair, David Kosciuk is nominated to fill that vacancy (1-year). After acceptance of the nominating committee's report, the Chair invited additional nominations from the floor, and there were none. Katherine read a letter from Bruce Lockwood (attached to the minutes).

Training Coordinator Report

Stephen Foley reported on upcoming trainings. He reported on his work with other New England states to minimize or eliminate redundancy in training offered and on a milk security project. Dan Scace noted

that the UASI 2009 grant will be closed out soon. Next month's meeting will focus on training and exercise planning. Our Citizen Preparedness program has a presence on Facebook and on Twitter, and pilot programs are being developed with Bristol (focusing on preparedness for people with disabilities) and with East Hartford (NET program).

Regional Planner Report

Carmine Centrella provided brief updates on the THIRA, on assisting two communities with AARs after hurricane Sandy, and on the MMRS national leadership effort to get funding restored for MMRS. Bill Perkins reported on the update process for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

New Business - none

ESF – Selected Committee Reports

RESF 1 – Transportation (Karen Olson). Called attention to the traffic incident management workshop on Monday.

RESFs 4, 8, and 16 reported on upcoming meetings.

RESF 19 – Special Needs Management (Brian Rykowski) – reported on recent and upcoming trainings and called attention to the pilot citizen preparedness project that they are working on in Bristol.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2012 (including election of officers). After January 1, CREPC will move to a quarterly meeting schedule: January 17, 2013; April 18, 2013; July 18, 2013; and October 17, 2013.

Doug Pesce, DHS, called attention to upcoming trainings offered by the state and invited anyone interested to participate on a space-available basis so that the courses would be filled. Information is available on their website.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.