

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)  
April 18, 2013, 9:30 a.m.  
South Congregational Church, Hartford**

***Call the meeting to order***

Vice-Chair Dave Koscuk called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Participants introduced themselves, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Public Comment*** – none

***Adoption of the Minutes***

Stephen Thal, seconded by Arnie Goldman, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2013, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

***Federal and State Liaison Reports***

Connor Quinn for Congressman Larson's office provided information on the FFY 2013 Assistance to Firefighters and COPS grants. He noted that the sequestration will not affect current awards (FFY 2012). He also called attention to Hometown Heroes legislation, which would authorize the lowering of the flag to half-mast for the death of a local responder.

Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS Region III Coordinator, noted that CT did provide some information to Boston in the aftermath of the Marathon bomb incidents. Most of it was classified. He suggested that those interested in being included in the loop for semi-classified information apply for membership in Infragard. He also noted that the state has a unit, available on request, that will work with local police and fire to assess school security. Contact his office if you are interested in using their services. He called attention to the following upcoming events: May 1 – School Safety conference (CREC) at the Convention Center (all day, no charge); May 8 – Emergency Management Symposium (CCM/DEMHS/DPH), registration required; June 20 and June 22, Exercises (focus on Region 5, other regions are asked to participate in a supporting role); May 21-23, HSEEP Training. He reminded participants of the STEP training that is available for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, info on website.

***Consent Agenda***

The Vice-Chair presented the Consent Agenda. No items were recommended to be moved from the consent agenda to the main agenda. Bruce Lockwood, seconded by Vic Puia, recommended acceptance of the Consent Agenda. All in favor, so voted.

***Presentation:*** “CT Light and Power – What we want you to know about our customer service.”

Luann Cataudella, CL&P Supervisor – Regional Coordination and also CREPC RESF 12 Chair, spoke on progress made by CL&P since the two major storms in 2011. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the CRECP web site. A major focus has been on improving training and tools provided to the municipal liaisons and improving the flow of, and access to, information within the company.

***EMAP/CEM Update***

Bruce Lockwood reported on progress setting up the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) review process. The on-site review will take place prior to July 31, 2014, and to prepare for it, CREPC will need to hold a series of workshops to address and remedy gaps which can be identified. There will be no cost to CREPC for the baseline review. In addition, there will be a class offered to train assessors, with space for 35. Five spaces will be reserved for State personnel. Priority will go to RESF

Chairs and co-chairs, and then will be opened to everyone qualified. Bruce has appointed an accreditation team: Bill Austin (manager), and Carmine Centrella and Jay Gonzales as team members.

Bruce also reported that he has arranged a 20% discount if we can get 20 people to commit to going through the accreditation process for AEM / CEM through the International Association of Emergency Managers. He proposes that for each participant, the local community would pay \$65 and that CREPC would pay the balance. If too many people apply, the cost-sharing may need to be revisited.

***Bylaws Committee Update***

Dave Kosciuk reported that this committee has met several times and there should soon be a draft of the updated bylaws ready for review by the CREPC Steering Committee and by DEMHS.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2013, and will be chaired by Vice-Chair Don Moore.