

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
January 17, 2013, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford**

Call the meeting to order

Chair Bruce Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – Representatives from Northeast Utilities introduced themselves and announced that they would be providing a donation to the CRCOG Foundation for the purpose of hosting the Annual Statewide Citizens Corps Conference.

Lynn Pike DiSanto from CRCOG gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation grant process and distributed a flier for an upcoming workshop on “Natural Hazards Affecting your Community” which will be held at the Manchester RCC on February 13th.

Adoption of the Minutes

Brian Rykowski, seconded by Laurie Ann Scotti, made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2012, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

No reports.

Presentation of Service Awards: Chairman Brian J. Heavren; Vice Chairs Laurie Ann Scotti and Mark Sirois

Chairman Lockwood presented the outgoing leaders with plaques to thank them for their service and dedication to CREPC over the years. Brian Heavren was unable to attend and Cheryl Assis will deliver his award to him.

Presentation: “FEMA Recovery Efforts for Hurricane Sandy in Connecticut” – John Chavez, Voluntary Agency Liaison Group Supervisor, Department of Homeland Security, FEMA.

Mr. Chavez gave a full briefing on: Individual Households Program, Applications for FEMA assistance, Assistance provided by IA IHP since Sandy, Voluntary agencies active in Sandy recovery, Long Term Recovery and Whole of Community.

Comments from the Chairman

Bruce Lockwood stated he would like to begin a strategic planning process – the group needs to start looking at resiliency and identify key priorities especially as funding is being dramatically cut. The leadership team met earlier this week and would like to determine costs to sustain each emergency support function and team annually. He discussed the recent Citizen Preparedness Coalition meeting and the fact that he supports this concept 100%. As the group moves to quarterly meetings, he would like to institute an ESF Chair status report conference call monthly. The leadership team will also rotate chairing the quarterly meetings.

Other Business

Jack Arsego from Northeast Utilities discussed their new community relations process and stated they will be setting up meetings with all emergency management directors.

Ed Luczkow inquired as to campus CERT teams and Bill Austin described the process in Region 3.

Chairman Lockwood gave an update on his initiative, the Connecticut project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2013