

# Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC)

July 21, 2016

## CONSENT AGENDA

**LEADERSHIP REPORT– CHAIRMAN-** No report

### **CRCOG/CREPC MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- Work is well underway on the FY 14 and 15 funds which include training and exercise, Hartford Bomb Squad equipment, HAZMAT funds, MMRS projects and maintenance/sustainment of regional equipment.
- The Statewide Homeland Security Working group met regarding FY 2016 funds and levels will remain stable for the five DEMHS regions.
- The Public Safety Department welcomed Troy John, an intern from the Goodwin College Homeland Security Program who will be here for eight weeks.
- Met with a group of Fire Chiefs and CHIP to explore a regional written testing program.
- The Get Ready Capitol Region partnership with the Hartford Marathon Foundation is going well and we have had booths at several of their recent races.
- Various training courses were held.
- CRCOG assisted the Town of Canton to deliver two sessions of the Student Tools for Emergency Preparedness program. All fifth graders went through the program.

### **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESF) REPORTS**

**ESF1: Transportation-** No Report

#### **ESF2: Communications**

- Hartford County Intercity Radio has been transferred to the Ct. Fire fighters Association by doing this the entire radio system has been updated with new technology hardware. An update to the Intercity Mutual Aid Network is being prepared and will reflect all of the changes.

**ESF3: Public Works and Engineering -** No Report

**ESF4: Firefighting-** No Report

**ESF5: Emergency Management-** No Report

## **ESF6: Mass Care**

- Last Meeting 6/15/16
- Was an open agenda since I was the new Senior Director, Emergency Services for the American Red Cross and Chair of ESF-6. I took over for Rebecca Johnson towards the beginning of June. I have been a Red Cross volunteer over the past 4.5 years in the roles of Disaster Team Lead, Supervisor on Call, Shelter Supervisor, Logistics team, and casework team. I recently completed my Masters in Public Health at the University of CT. Before that I worked in retail and restaurant management.
- We discussed the capacity of the Red Cross in region wide events and how the regional shelters would be first served and then as capacity building is increased we would be able to support bulk distribution and additional shelter capability.
- Shared ESF6 Working Group documents
- National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) releases:
  - 1) Updated Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities
  - 2) Personnel Emergency Planning Checklist
- Invited town CERT teams to a Red Cross shelter simulation/training being held at the Vernon Center Middle School on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **ESF7: Resource Management - No Report**

## **ESF8: Public Health and Medical Services**

- **Chair** –
- Work continues on our strategic planning process. To date we have completed the focus group interviews and will be moving to survey the remaining stakeholders before finalizing the plan.
- Had good local participation in the regional Ebola exercise. Exercise process and documents have been completed and can be found on the CRCOG website.
- Region 3 Local Health is working with CT DPH on the re-accreditation for Project Public Health Ready (PPHR). The PPHR program which is an accreditation program administered by NACCHO.
- The Public Health section Held a facilitated discussion regarding the establishment of a Regional Distribution Site. At the end of the day, the group decided to continue to explore the concept. There will be an AAR/notes generated as a result of this project.
- The Long Term Care section has completed the transition to the RCC for their Coordination Center activities. There have been several activations of the Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan in the past quarter, including one in the region.
- Behavioral Health Section recently held a leadership meeting to evaluate their infrastructure following the recent state layoffs. They focused on strategic planning

including development of a training plan for the next year as well as identifying new leadership candidates that could start to be mentored.

- CMED has implemented its new alerting process/system (Google Group is no longer in service). If you are interested in receiving alerts pertaining to diversion and other EMS issues, please contact Brian at [baldwinb@northcentralctems.org](mailto:baldwinb@northcentralctems.org). Mr. Spencer reported CT DPH OEMS information including the new Director is in place; they are on the cusp of issuing out new statewide guidelines for all levels of EMS providers.
- The CT DPH Medical Counter Measures Full Scale Exercise After Action Report has been finalized and distributed.
- There is a revised statewide Med-Surge Plan that is going out for review and comment.
- The state has received notice of a \$320,000 Zika grant award. They have also receive notification of the PHEP award to begin July 1, 2016. There was a \$490,000 cut in PHEP and that amount is being absorbed by CT DPH and not locals.
- Some activity with Zika cases. Estimated that there have been about 300 individuals screened by the lab with about 9-10 positives, not all were Zika. Most of the cases are coming from the Dominican Republic.
- CT DPH establishing a Communications Committee for hospitals to help set up a booklet/guide regarding all of the communication assets that have been issued to hospitals.
- Mystery patient drills will begin for all Hospitals. CT DPH will coordinate with a trusted agent at each hospital. Intent is to identify, isolate and notify.
- The Ebola playbook has been renamed the Ebola Quick Reference Guide.
- Joe Albanese from the CT Biodosimetry Lab at Yale is managing a joint DPH/DEMHS grant project to recruit volunteers to screen for radiological contamination and perform decontamination following an event. There will be more information coming out on this program soon.
- A reminder of the Mass Fatality Exercise scheduled for October 24-28, 2016 with the significant days of activity being Tuesday (Scene Management/Evidence Collection), Wednesday (Mortuary Process), Thursday (Family Assistance Centers).
- **Public health Section-**
- **Long Term Care Section**
- **EMS/CMED**
- **Hospitals-**
- **Behavioral health-**

**ESF9: Search and Rescue** – No report

**ESF10: Oil and Hazardous Materials Response** –No report

**ESF11: Animal Protection**

- Nothing immediate to report.
- Vernon CERT presentation scheduled for fall.

**ESF12: Energy – No report****ESF13: Public Safety and Security**

- Meetings held May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Detective Steve Citta, the Region 3 Regional Intelligence Liaison Officer has been transferred back to HPD and CRCOPA is currently looking to fill the slot.
- Equipment was ordered for the New Britain SWAT team, Hartford Bomb Squad and Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the CPCA Regional Presidents to discuss the CELL/CAP public awareness program.
- The CAPTAIN 4G project to improve and enhance the system is well underway with several user group meetings being held as the users define requirements.
- The pilot project to host CT-CHIEF in the CJIS environment is well underway and Wethersfield is the first community to be set up.
- Staff continues regular status meetings with ConnDOT in terms of eCrash.

**RSF14: Community Planning and Capacity Building - No Report****ESF15: External Affairs – No Report****ESF16: Volunteer Management- No Report****ESF19: Functional Needs Services- No Report****ESF20: Disaster Faith Based Services - No Report****ESF21: Educational Services**

- ESF 21 has been involved with the Ct chapter of ICLEA and attended the latest meeting which was held July 12 at Trinity.
- Individually, schools are preparing for their mandated table top drills and safety presentations.
- Trinity has tentative plans for a full scale exercise in the summer of 2017. More information to follow on that.

## LIAISON AND OTHER ACTIVITY REPORTS

### METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM MMRS-

- Ebola grant initiatives:
  - First year review process taking place for end of year reporting. Document status:
    - Ebola FE ARR – Completed and approved
    - Regional Concept of Operations for high impact pathogens – Draft completed out for review.
- Review of CR-MMRS first responder pharmaceutical cache continues as well as Chemical Anti-Nerve Agent kit program status. No progress to report on whether the MMRS will be able sustain both programs.
- The CR-MMRS participated with a workshop for local public health partners to review the feasibility of a Regional Distribution Site and process for Medical Counter Measures.
- The CR-MMRS is still awaiting information on a pilot program for 1<sup>st</sup> responder immunization program and is working with other groups nationally to make sure 1<sup>st</sup> responders are protected well in advance of other modalities currently relied upon by the State.
- The CR-MMRS continues to participate on the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) of the CT EMS Advisory Board. The document, “Community Planning & Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents” is back from comment period awaiting final editing. Once completed, representatives of the EPC will work to socialize document with first responder groups across the state. The next tasked assigned to the EPC will be reviewing of plans for mass gatherings.
- The CR-MMRS has completed the AAR for the Farmington Public Schools/Town of Farmington Table Top Exercise.
- Planning continues for the Town of Vernon Full Scale Exercise planned for in October 2016.
- CR-MMRS and members of the CR-Medical Reserve Corps conducted a targeted inventory review of CR-MRC medical equipment.

**Community Health Centers-** No Report

### MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

- The CR-MRC is one of 23 officially recognized MRC units in CT.
- The spring 2016 issue of ***Readiness Dispatch, CT MRC Program newsletter***, was disseminated to an audience of approximately 3000. Readiness Dispatch, spring edition, included a photo and story of Middletown EMD, George Dunn’s Clean Energy presentation to the CR-MRC volunteers.

- The CR-MRC submitted an activation for the CR-MRC June Detail in West Hartford to inventory supplies and clothing, and to empty one of the trailers before sending it out for repairs. The June Detail was an activity to support the CR-MRC's operational readiness.
- The CR-MRC continues to participate in monthly MRC Well Check conference calls. The most recent was an MRC Town Hall meeting June 7, 2016 led by Captain Tosatto.
- The CT MRC Program was represented at the 2016 Preparedness Summit in Dallas.
- The CT MRC Director attended the May 2016 CCM/DESPP/DPH Symposium in Cromwell.
- DPH printed Medical Reserve Corps flyers and made the flyers available at the June EMS conference. The national MRC program created flyers to promote MRC volunteer recruitment and CT DPH continues to support MRC recruitment and sustainability.
- The Uncas Health District held a VIP introduction to Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST) session in Colchester to introduce its 2016 NACCHO Challenge Award initiative. The CR was represented by ESF-8 Chair, MMRS Director, and CR-MRC Director. Region 3 is discussing VOST partner/expansion opportunities with the Uncas leadership.
- CR- MRC unit/volunteers is being invited to support the October 2016 multi-state exercise at Camp Hartell, October 2016.
- CR-MRC July 2016 meeting/training included Narcan training and Active Shooter presentation.

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#### **TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLANNING WORKGROUP (TEPW)**

- Work on new multi-year training and Exercise plan (MYTEP) for region nearly complete still waiting on information.
- Attended the state MYTEP to review state's plan
- The New version of WebEOC is active new format is much more user friendly than previous versions, training is available through DEMHS.

#### **CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS and Coalition**

- Get Ready Capital Campaign continues to build relationships as we explore opportunities to promote preparedness across the region.
- Delivered the STEP program to Canton School approximately 400 5<sup>th</sup> graders received the training Canton CERT assisted in the training and will continue the program in Canton. This program is available to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade school programs. If you are interested contact Bill Perkins at CRCOG for more information or setup.
- The Hartford Marathon foundation has offered space at their sponsored events to date several CERT teams have staffed information booths.

- The coalition has partnered with the regional CERT teams for the National Prepare-A-thon. We have developed a preparedness committee that will coordinate and schedule preparedness events. We urge all CERT teams to participate and conduct a preparedness event in their communities. We are also in the planning stage of developing preparedness videos. This initiative is identifying possible social media presentation to promote whole of community preparedness is moving forward.