

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3) April 21, 2016
9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford**

Call to order

Chair Bruce Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Participants introduced themselves and Bruce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Arnold Goldman, seconded by Brian Heavren, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2016, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Arnold Goldman seconded by Carmine Centrella made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. All in favor, so voted. Chairman Lockwood stated the importance of contributions by ESF- Chairs and others to this agenda.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Conor Quinn from Congressman Larson's office gave an update on the Assistance to Firefighter's grant program. He stated if any members have questions on HS or DOJ grants they may contact him. John Field gave an update from the DEMHS Region III office. The four Regional Coordinators will be rotating coverage until the Region III position is filled.

Chairman Lockwood presented outgoing Region III Coordinator Thomas Gavaghan with a plaque for his service and dedication to CREPC and the group wished him well in his retirement.

Unfinished Business

Shelter Cot Carts – Bill Perkins stated that the cot carts arrived and most have been sent out to either the regional shelters or the towns who ordered them.

Intercity Radio Update – Bill Perkins stated that the system had recently been enhanced and upgraded. Per the last meeting, it is currently being transferred over to the Connecticut Firefighters Association (Hartford County Fire).

New Business

Appointment of Nominations Committee – Chairman Lockwood stated that a nominations committee is appointed in April for the elections to be held at the October meeting. The Chair and 2nd Vice- Chair positions will be filled this year. Brian Heavren, Robert DiBella and Steve Huleatt have agreed to serve on the committee.

Acceptance of Additional DEMHS funding/FY 16 funds – Chairman Lockwood stated that DEMHS has advised CRCOG that there are supplemental FY 14 funds in the amount of \$39,000 plus an additional \$29,268 to be directed for law enforcement. Don Janelle, seconded by Brian Heavren made a motion for CRCOG to accept these funds. All in favor so voted. Cheryl Assis stated that CRCOPA would vote on the disbursement of the law enforcement funds at their next meeting. All funds have a very tight deadline of July 15th.

Cheryl Assis stated that she serves on the FY 16 State Homeland Security Working group and at a very recent meeting it was determined that the regional funds will remain stable for next year. She suggests a very similar spending plan as last year. Chairman Lockwood will provide it at the next meeting.

Functional Needs Proposal/Request for Sand Bag Machine– In discussing the additional funds, Chairman Lockwood stated that he just received a proposal for the functional needs workshop not to exceed \$20,000. Cheryl Assis also received a request from ESF-3 for a Sand Bag machine in the amount of approximately \$12,000. Tess Schwartz, East Hartford Assistant Public Works Director, presented details on the Sandbagging machine and stated that it would be available for use by any community within the region. It was discussed that Cheryl Assis would be given the authority to determine the remaining \$6,800 consistent with the goals and objectives of the FY 14 spending plan. Chief Arciero asked that some additional funding be provided for CERT. Jubenal Gonzalez seconded by Chief Arciero made a motion to spend the \$39,000 in the manner outlined above. All in favor, so voted.

CRCOG Web Site update- Bill Perkins stated that you will see a new CRCOG web site up and running shortly. Any ESF that would like specific information added should contact him.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

Chairman Lockwood stated that Peter Vernesoni, ESF-9 chairman is ill and will no longer be able to serve in this role. In the short term, Don Janelle will chair ESF-9 - Search and Rescue.

Carmine Centrella gave a complete report on the recent Ebola functional exercise. Funding is provided by the CDC through DPH. We are currently planning a full scale exercise and also keeping on top of the Zika virus. He stated that through our Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan there was information this morning on an evacuation of a nursing home in Region 2. Mr. Centrella further stated that there is no longer an MMRS set aside for funding but all funding is allowable through the SHSGP funds. He recently attended the Statewide meeting where the MMRS funds were cut and we will need to look for additional funding sources for our antibiotic cache.

Other Business/ Information

Bill Turley stated that there will be an upcoming behavioral threat assessment workshop at POST.

Don Janelle stated that he would like to see some type of a “show” where all regional assets would be on display. Art Groux and Chris Arciero stated we should put together an inventory list first. Bill Perkins will work on this.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2016.