

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
July 19, 2007 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church

Call the meeting to order

Chairman Austin chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:30 a.m.

Adoption of the minutes and handouts

Chief Whalen, seconded by Ken Loock, made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting.

State Liaison Reports

Tom Gavaghan reported on: the Incident Management Training occurring at the Fire Academy; acceptance of five DEMHS trailers to be used for the transport of cots; his attendance at an Equine Preparedness workshop; and the pandemic flu exercise on July 27th.

Unfinished Business

Emer. Mgt. And Homeland Security Council report of 7-12-07 – Chief Austin referred to the July 12, 2007 DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting minutes included in the packet.

CRCOG HS Update – Cheryl Assis reported that the State expects to receive the FY 2007 grant award shortly and that each region is expected to receive \$850,000 as a base and \$125,000 for administering the grant. Ms. Assis said that we are still waiting for approval on our FY 06 projects and have modified our tactical equipment project to meet grant requirements. In terms of FY 05 projects, she reported on the purchase of the Northern Tier Command vehicle, the tour of Manchester's RCC, and progress made on the CAPTAIN Fire pilot. Ms. Assis also stated the Camber contract is being extended and that 911 equipment has been installed in Manchester, New Britain, and Hartford.

Training Coordination Project Report – Dan Scace, CRCOG Homeland Security Training Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation, which included information on the EMS training program, current NIMS training opportunities, training data, Red Plan training, and NIMS compliance opportunities.

Regional Planner Report – Carmine Centrella reported on work being done on Hartford's MMRS grant, the response annex for the RED plan, Alternate Care Sites, the Cities Readiness Initiative.

Report of Standing Committees

R-ESF-1 Transportation – Karen Olson, CRCOG Transportation Planner, reported on a planning tool posted on the CRCOG website, which includes a municipal listing of daytime and nighttime populations.

R-ESF-2 Communications – Keith Victor reported on a new interoperability network to be used with ITAC and ICALL and on funding to enhance and sustain interoperable and multi-jurisdictional projects. He also reported that the UHF repeater is in service.

R-ESF-4 Firefighting – Chief Whalen reported that Chief Austin was elected President of the Capital Region Fire Chiefs Association. He also reported on the progress being made to get all of the Fire Departments online with their Salamander system tags.

R-ESF-7 Resource Management – Bruce Lockwood reported on the status of the responsibilities he was assigned, as Vice-Chairman, to CREPC’s Strategic Plan. He stated that in regards to improving communication a yahoo group for CREPC members is being created. Matt Burns explained yahoo group requirements and capabilities.

R-ESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services – Steve Huleatt reported on the new public health preparedness grant and recent work on POD manuals and field operations. He also stated that Lynn Abrahamson is now the Director of Health at the Bristol Burlington Health District and Carolos Rivera is the Acting Director of Hartford’s Health and Human Services.

Katherine McCormack provide an update of MRC activities, stating that the MRC application is now available on the CRCOG website, work is progressing on the database, and the Capitol Region MRC’s will be involved in Training Day at Camp Rell on August 8th.

Ms. McCormack also reported on the by-law revisions and stated that a vote regarding their adoption would be held at the September meeting.

R-ESF-19 Special Needs Management – Steve Thal reported that the Office of Protection and Advocacy continues to offer its conference entitled, Playing It Safe: Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities, around the State. He also stated that an email will be sent regarding the distribution of additional TIPS for First Responder pamphlets.

Guest Speakers:

“Alternate Care Site Selection Process” – Scott Aronson gave an overview on CREPC ESF 8’s ACF Selection Toolkit for Continuity of Operations, including the checklist, background, and roll out dates.

“Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)” – Heidi Pfeiffer, Centers for Disease Control Region 1 Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator, gave a presentation on the CRI, which aids cities in increasing their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during an emergency such as a bioterrorism attack or a nuclear incident.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.