

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
January 21, 2010 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Chair Dan Vindigni chaired the meeting, called it to order at 9:30 a.m., and led the pledge of allegiance.

Adoption of the Minutes

Dan Dube, seconded by Peter Vernesoni, made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting.

Office of Congressman Larson Liaison Report

Conor Quinn, liaison from Congressman Larson's office, provided updated grant information, in particular the availability of waivers for the SAFER grants regarding supplanting of local funds. Application already submitted may be amended. The congressman's office has created a fact sheet for aid and rescue efforts for Haiti.

Thom Burns, Wal-Mart's Response to Catastrophes

Thom Burns, Market Asset Protection Manager for Wal-Mart described Wal-Mart's response to catastrophes at its own stores and in communities throughout the nation. He noted that the company has great expertise in logistics, and is able to respond and move resources quickly. They also focus on preparedness of each store and the education of their management and associates. They have a well-developed corporate EOC, with an internally developed application for maintaining a common operating picture. Access to their systems and databases can be given to state and federal government in the event of a catastrophe.

He will provide a copy of his PowerPoint presentation to CRCOG to make available to CREPC members. He also offered his contact information (860 459-7275, T6Burns@wall-mart.com) and that of the Wal-Mart EOC (1-479-277-1001, emergencyoperationscenter@wal-mart.com) for emergency use.

As Chairman Vindigni had to leave, Vice Chair Laurie Ann Scotti chaired the balance of the meeting.

Unfinished Business / Updates

Cheryl Assis again reminded towns to submit their MOUs for the 2008 grant. She is working on a draft spending plan for the 2008 Homeland Security Grant. This will focus on continuation and sustainment of existing projects and programs.

Dan Scace distributed a notice of the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, scheduled for February 26, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and encourage participation. Distributed with this was a description of the after action report process and its importance. Currently, ICS-300 training programs are being offered in the evenings to reach more volunteer personnel. The next position-specific training offered will include Logistics Section Chief training, February 8-12, and All Hazard Financial Section Chief training, February 23-25. These will be held at the new RCC. The next Urban Area Working Group meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 28 will also be at the RCC.

Carmin Centrella reported that we are still waiting for the last of the 2007 Resource Typing data to be submitted. CRCOG is still waiting for clarification of the 2008 Resource Typing guidelines. He also reported that the ESF 7 meeting yesterday included a discussion of the State Emergency Response Resource Manual (CBIA), a compendium of what resources might be available from the private sector, if needed. He reminded the group that the initial planning conference for the FSE Autumn Storm will be held tomorrow, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. He expects that by the end of the day, we will have the goals and

objectives for the FSE and a commitment from the players. He has also been working on a plan to use the IECGP (Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program) funds to update the TICP and CASM. An initial meeting was held with ESF 2 to provide direction.

Standing Committee Reports

- *RESF 1* – (Karen Olson submitted a written report giving advance notice of a workshop on Traffic Incident Management and Quick Clearance that is scheduled for March 23, 8:30 – 1:30.)
- *RESF 4* – (Doug Whalen) The RESF meets tonight at the RCC. He also noted that if there are any repatriation efforts in the state because of the Haitian earthquake, the individuals would have to come through Bradley International Airport. He may be looking for assistance.
- *RESF 5* – (Don Janelle) The RCC should be getting a temporary certificate of occupancy today. Anyone wishing to use the facility should contact him for scheduling. They are still in need of a conference table and chairs (10-12' table, 10-12 chairs).
- *RESF 8* – (John Shaw) RESF 8 is reviewing its 3-year strategy based on recent after action reports and on the recent capabilities assessment. The long-term care facilities project is moving forward very quickly, and they are getting a lot of cooperation from the state. There is slow progress on the logistics project. He continues to work with FEMA Region 1 on the MMRS inventory project and on MOUs among the 6 MMRS jurisdictions. There is an ample supply of H1N1 vaccine. Regarding Haiti, the current policy is to “push” medical care to Haiti. He believes that this will have to be reversed at some point, and patients may be transported to the US for care. Jim Garrow noted that he is working on the EMS mobilization plan, outreach to EMS and MOUs related to forward movement of patients.
- *RESF 9* – (Peter Vernesoni) He described briefly the USR’s two searches since the last meeting. There will be upcoming training on special guidance for searches for Alzheimer’s and dementia patients. Upcoming opportunities for Search Management Training and Basic Search course are listed on their website: www.ccsar.org.
- *RESF 11* – (Dr. Arnold Goldman) The RESF continues to focus on volunteer retention. He introduced Christine Sullivan, USDA Veterinary Services, who was attending the meeting to learn more about our regional efforts.
- *RESF 14* – (Laurie Ann Scotti) She will reach out to the private sector regarding a conference table for the RCC, and will continue to work with Wal-Mart and other companies on training. Tomorrow is her last day at The Hartford; she assumes a new position at Lincoln Financial next week. They are very supportive of her efforts with CREPC.
- *RESF 16* – (Sylvia Dake) CERT training is ongoing in several towns. .
- *RESF 19* – (Steve Thal) Anyone wishing to have a 2-hour training on special needs is invited to contact him to arrange it. The RESF members are currently receiving CERT training.

The next meeting is February 18, 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m