

Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
September 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order

Vice-Chair Mark Sirois chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:35 a.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Tom Gavaghan expressed thanks from DEMHS for the assistance provided by CREPC during tropical storm Irene, especially citing assistance from Cheryl Assis, Don Janelle, and Bill Austin. He also called attention to the states AAR process, which will be conducted both internally and externally, soliciting comments from first responders and municipalities on how DEMHS might better respond in future events. He noted the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Grant program, and also noted that with Peter Boynton's departure from DEMHS, Bill Hackett will be taking over his responsibilities on an interim basis.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adoption of the Minutes

Ed Lescoe, seconded by Brian Rykowski, made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2011, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

New Business

Tropical Storm Irene Update: Bill Austin reported on two activations of the RCC during this event – for monitoring and response during the storm and again to assist with recovery efforts during the following week. He noted that the plans and operational procedures that have been developed by CREPC and the various RESFs worked well and with only minor glitches, citing in particular the evacuation of 40 patients from Johnson Memorial. He also reminded towns that the RCC is available for use if a municipal EOC cannot be used. Comments were made on the state's need to improve Web EOC (accuracy of information and incorporation information submitted by municipalities). It was noted that there is an AAR section for each situation on WEB EOC, and that feedback should be provided on the site.

TICP:

Dan Scace provided an overview of Region 3 Communications – importance, plans and procedures, and policies. Keith Victor, Carmine Centrella, and Bill Austin then gave broad descriptions of communications from the perspectives of RESF 2, RESF 8, and RESF 5, respectively. The appropriate roles for social media in gathering and conveying information in emergency events are being explored.

A TICP workgroup meeting is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. today to review the current draft of the TICP and decide on next steps.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is October 20, 2011.