1. Call the meeting to order
2. Public comment period
3. Adopt the minutes from the November 15, 2012, meeting
4. Unfinished Business: Election of officers for CREPC
5. Federal and State Liaison reports – Office of Congressman Larson; Thomas Gavaghan, Region III
6. Presentation: Improvement Planning – Planning, Training, Exercises and Operations; Successes and What’s Left To Do (Audience Participation Required) - Dan Scace
7. Adjournment
Improvement Planning

PLANNING, TRAINING, EXERCISES & OPERATIONS...

SUCCESSES & WHAT’S LEFT TO DO
(AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION REQUIRED)

December 20, 2012
Review exercise AARs/real world events to improve regional planning, response or recovery capabilities.

Outputs validate plans and/or help shape planning, training and exercise priorities.
IP 2012 Objectives

- Review/Update AAR/IPs (NOT!)
  - Close items, assign/change responsibilities, document completion dates
- Examine real world events that impacted or could potentially impact the Region to identify improved strategies for preparing for, responding to, recovering from or mitigating such events (YES!)
- Look at ESF Successes & ID work left to do.

**DESIRED OUTCOME = UPDATED PLANS  
***OPTIMIZE CAPABILITIES!!!***
Basis for our approach.

Builds capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from incidents caused by any hazard, natural or man made.

Federal focus – low probability, high consequence type events – complements our regional focus on more likely, frequently experienced smaller scale events.
What’s on the Plate – Programs, Planning, Training & Exercises

- Regional Response
- Regional Communications
- Autumn Storm
- WMD Series
- IMT Training/Response Operations
- Hurricane Irene/Winter Storm/Sandy
- LTC-MAP and H-MAP
- Citizen Preparedness Program
- Functional Needs Training
- What else?
What’s on the plate – Events (2010)

- South Windsor Hostage
- KLEEN Energy Explosion
- Pandemic Flu/H1N1
- Severe Weather
- Grant Cycle
- Manchester Shooting
What’s on the plate – Events (2011)

- Severe Weather
- Grant Cycle
- Manchester Shooting 2 (May 20)
- Hurricane Irene
- LTC-MAP Items
- Any inputs related to regional exercises and training
  - ICS Training
- Discuss What’s Ahead (G-191)
What’s on the plate – Events (2012)

- Sandy
- TICP
- Citizen Preparedness
- H-MAP
IP Conference Outputs

1. Warm fuzzy feelings we’re doing the right thing…
2. Awareness of current status/capabilities
3. ESF Chair vision of the road ahead
4. Inputs to regional strategy, training or exercises based on regional events
What do we really want to do when the money is gone?
RESF Review – Successes, Etc.
(Look for common themes)

ESF-1 – Transportation – Karen Olson
Success
- Universal Response Manual, Seminars, Training
Left to Do
- URM Training (Video) and distribution to emergency responders, additional training as available, additional seminars as available, reinvigorated RESF-1 (with meetings) in the new year.

ESF-2 – Communications – Keith Victor
Success
- TICP/Regional Communications Exercise, NLE 2012, Valley Repeater Installation, COM-L & COM-T Training

Left to Do

ESF-3 – Public Works & Engineering – VACANT
ESF-4 – Firefighting – Will Perez

Success

- Successful Deployment of the Statewide Fire disaster Plan during storm
- Full staffing and new policies for RESF-4 Duty Officers
- New improved website
- Appointed new Webmaster
- Approximately 75% increase in meeting attendance
- Revised and approved by-laws
- Participated in the Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative Drill
- Improved Fire Captain Mobile Data System and increased fire departments participating on system
ESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-4 – Firefighting – Will Perez

Left to Do

- Recruit additional fire departments to join and attend meetings
- Joint Task Force/Strike Team Training
- Two educational programs to be presented to CRFCA
- Continue to build our website
- Pilot program for new web-based Fire Captain Mobile Data System
- Purchase and design new command boards for all task force/strike teams
- Revisit strategic and master planning for short and long term goals
ESF-5 – Emergency Management – Bill Austin

Successes

- RCC activated for multiple training events and real world emergencies
- Communication between the SEOC and RCC is stronger
- Introduced Skype to communicate between SEOC and RCC
- Numerous RESP activations continue to prove its effectiveness in regional cooperation/use of regional assets
- ESF Chair outreach city/town CEOs will continue to keep the communications lines between CREPC and the individual cities and towns open
RESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-5 – Emergency Management – Bill Austin

Left to Do

- Increase/build out RCC situational awareness capability
- Develop a training program for ESF-5 Duty Officers
- Recruit/train additional (6) more Duty Officers
- Establish DO Skype accounts
- Continue RCC outreach program with local municipalities and State
ESF-6 – Mass Care – Chris Baker

Successes

- 6 Regional Shelter sites identified – Avon, Plainville, East Haddam, East Hartford, Vernon, Hebron (RHAM).
- East Haddam Regional Shelter exercise
- Shelter Training provided to 266 individuals. Primarily town employees and some CERT. Training was done in Bristol, Suffield, Avon, Manchester, Enfield, East Granby, Glastonbury and Hartford.
- Feeding plans are taking shape with a small number of feeding quotes identified
- Working with ESF 11 to identify spaces in the Regional Shelters to co-locate
ESF-6 – Mass Care – Chris Baker

Left to Do

- Ensure Region understands what Regional Sheltering means
- Finalize Regional Sheltering plan
- Further educate on FNSS
- Find additional Health Services partners and/or providers
- Finalize feeding plan
- Secure feeding support trailers and equipment
- Preposition resources (cots, blankets, feeding supplies)
- Additional Shelter Operations training for Towns and CERTs
- Identify storage space for shelter supplies
RESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-7 – Resource Management – VACANT
ESF-8 – Public Health & Medical Services – David Koscuk

Successes

- Participation/Coordination during Irene, Alfred, Sandy
- HMAP, LTCMAP
- EMTrack
- Everbridge Deployment for LHD’s
- Oxygen Generation Capabilities
- Robust healthcare coalition established that is participatory and engaged in all aspects of ESF8 activities
- FEMA Region 1 MMRS collaboration
- Lessons learned / AAR Information sharing
- Improvement plan development and sharing
- Cooperation with state PH agencies
- Coordination with other RESF8 leads in 1, 2, 4, 5
ESF-8 – Public Health & Medical Services – David Koscuk

Left to Do -

- Develop protocols to organize and roster EMS Strike Teams – Statewide EMS Mobilization Plan
- Refine Regional use of the EPT to include awareness, training data access and better defined protocols
- Review national decon standards to identify and adopt best practices for decontamination of an ambulance
- Define and build the concept of operations of a regional medical shelter including protocols and activation triggers
- Refine the MAT's concept of operations based on lessons learned from Operation THREAT series of exercises
ESF-8 – Public Health & Medical Services – David Koscuk

Left to Do -

- Conduct user training on the region's portable Wi-Fi equipment and mass casualty systems
- Develop standards for regional operation of alternate care facilities/site short of an 1135 waiver that can be implemented easily at the regional level
- Advocate in conjunction with the CT Hospital Association to bring about needed changes in state regulations and policies
- Build regional exercises to strengthen regional surge capability
- Re-visit the state ESAR-VHP program to improve its functionality and its scope
- Participate in a summit meeting to develop a trigger mechanism to automatically initiated ACS's during a declared state of emergency
- Socialize the Region’s distribution model for priority prophylaxis
ESF-8 – Public Health & Medical Services – David Koscuk

Left to Do -

- Improve effective communications between hospitals and LTC facilities = ESTABLISHMENT OF RMCC
- Integrate information sharing across IT/Software platforms such as WebEOC
- Develop the appropriate protocols on WebEOC usage
- Determine if hospitals and LTC facilities should pre-negotiate rates to support the rapid decompression of the hospitals in the absence of the ability for patients or "medical sheltered" community to go anywhere else.
- Expand current recruiting locally and statewide for both medical and non-medical members to the MRC
- Conduct outreach to Regional stakeholders detailing the MRC mission, various components, expectations and capabilities.
- Shelters...shelters...shelters...shelters and the medical issues contained within
ESF-9 – Search and Rescue – Peter Vernesoni

Success

- Doubled number of searches
- Responded to other requests for information
- Have gotten some recognition

Left to Do

- Sustenance and Recruiting
- Be recognized by all State agencies and develop working relationships
ESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-10 – Oil & Hazardous Materials Response – Gary Allyn

Success

- 5 equipped operating divisions
- Latest sampling and PPE available
- Equipped with new training props

Left to Do

- Succession planning
- Sustainment
- Continue relationship building
ESF-11 – Animal Response – Arnold Goldman

Success

- Created deployable equipment cache suitable for co-location with 1 or more regional mass care shelters

- Created a group (30-40 currently listed) of CERT-trained volunteers with professional or personal animal handling experience beyond pet ownership

- Trained, exercised and deployed in the past
RESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-11 – Animal Response – Arnold Goldman

Left to Do

- Work with towns to develop resources to support animal care at in-town shelter operations using town owned equipment, town resident CERT or other Town acceptable volunteers

- Work with ARC to finally declare adequate numbers of regional shelter sites and then pre-place the bulk of regional animal care equipment on site at those locations. Train with ARC.

- Regionalization: Get past home - rule tendencies in large events: Example: In Sandy Region 2 equipment deployed to custodial town Milford leaving New Haven unserved. Legislation?
ESF-13 – Law Enforcement – Mark Sirois & Rich Mulhall

Success

- Creating and coordinating 9 SWAT units, one bomb squad and the SCUBA team.
- Development of standard operating procedures for the teams
- Coordinating training for the teams
- Development of a regional response system for SWAT Units
- Development of a refined mutual aid response – the “Blue Plan”
- Enhancement of SWAT Team Responses – BearCats and Rapid Deployment Vehicles
- Coordinate training with cross disciplines (fire, police, EMS, others)
RESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-13 – Law Enforcement – Mark Sirois & Rich Mulhall

Left to Do

- Additional training
- Refinement of regional responses
- Transition of leadership
- Development of next five (5) year plan
- Continuation of cross discipline training
- Review of “Blue Plan” looking for improvements
Success

- Long Term Economic Recovery/ESF 14 from all regions getting together with State of CT to develop an Interagency Disaster Recovery Plan
- Improved collaboration across companies in events (conference calls, distribution lists across companies to share information)
- Association of Contingency Planners involving public sector partners in meetings and table tops
ESF-14 – Business Continuity Planning – Laurie Ann Scotti

Left to Do

- Get back to basics
  - Look at mission and redefine core objectives
  - Build bench strength; get companies engaged by developing a clear understanding of CREPC and its mission
  - Integrate other private sector groups (ACP, LTERG) into the CREPC meetings and work
ESF Review – Successes, Etc.

ESF-15 – External Affairs (Media) – Ed Lescoe

- Success – None
- Left to Do - Recruit more members for ESF
Success
- Continue to grow via monthly meeting
- Pilot programs for citizen preparedness

Left to Do
- Ensure sustainment of Get Ready Capitol Region
- Continue development of pilot programs that enhance resilience of the Whole Community
Trained 3,240 First Responders in the past six years
Developed/presented training for 100 Masonicare staff/employees – a first
Developed training for the 5 Regional Behavioral Health Response teams
Trained the Hartford PD personnel - First time for a police department
Trained US Coast Guard Academy, Mass Maritime Academy and Goodwin College
Developed specific trainings for Bradley Airport, CERT teams, and Businesses
Participated in 4 exercises/coordinated other persons with disabilities to participate
Developed program with Ambulance Associations to demonstrate appropriate transport techniques with motorized chairs and service animals
Staff includes presenters with disabilities; 2 use motorized chairs, one with a Service Animal
Assisted Boy Scout troop# 880 South Windsor with their Disability Merit Badge
Presented to Central Area Council on Aging- a first
ESF-19 – Special Needs Management – Stephen Thal

Left to Do

- Regional Behavioral Health Response Teams Kathryn Dean; Region 1 & make up sessions
- Assist George Haddow, Dan Scace and Dan Micari with the Bristol Resilience resident project.
- Explore training programs with Manchester Police, Simsbury Police & Plainville VFD
- Coordinate telephone training with CT Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind 8 support group leaders Dan Scace to assist
- Add police publications listing to slides and update police training videos
- Complete fall summary report
- Complete evaluations for the last three trainings
- Send electronic letter to all Emergency Planners, First Responders, CERT teams and ambulance Associations regarding interest in our training CRCOG / CREPC leadership.
ESF-20 – Disaster Faith Services – Rev. Evelyn McMahon

Success - Training

- Critical Incident Stress Management - Dr. Gary Evans, CISM/ICISF Trainer
- Disaster Faith Services - Rev. Dana Hallanbeck, Pastor Zion Lutheran Church, Manchester CT

Left to Do

- Part II - Critical Incident Stress Management - Dr. Gary Evans
ESF-21 – Collegiate Services – Steve Caron

Success

- Revised/updated RESF-21 MOU this year.
- Added Lincoln Technical College
- A TTX was created/presented to Trinity College, U of Hartford and USJ this year.
  - Designed by ESF-21 in collaboration with a core team from each institution.
  - These drills also gave a primer to executive staff on regional capabilities.
Left to Do

- RESF 21 kick off meeting to reach out to each institution in our region and coordinate local ESFs (Facilities, Residential Life, Mass Care, Health, Communications, IT, Public Safety and special needs).

- This ESF coordination/kick off meeting will include an overview of the regional structure and the RESF MOU.

- ESFs will be tasked to meet and coordinate their assets and communications tree so that the region and our RESF will be in a better position to mobilize those assets when necessary.
Past Successes Leading Towards the Future

- Discussion
  - What common themes did you notice?
  - What do you want to see?
  - What CAN we do when the money is gone?

- Strategic Planning – Bill Austin
Questions?