

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3) April 17, 2014,
9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford**

Call the meeting to order

Chair Bruce Lockwood called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Dan Dubé, seconded by Dave Koscuk, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2014, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Consent Agenda

Chair Bruce Lockwood presented the Consent Agenda. No items were recommended to be moved from the consent agenda to the main agenda. Motion made by, Dan Dubé, seconded by, Dave Koscuk recommended acceptance of the Consent Agenda. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

FBI Agent D. Coleman informed body of a training opportunity being sponsored by the FBI on September 3 & 4, 2014 in Rocky Hill.

Tom Gavaghan gave a lengthy report. Of particular note, in regard to the new requirements under P.A 13-3 for the development of school safety plans, DEMHS is about to introduce the Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan for Schools training in Region 3 to be held on May 14 and 15th at St. Joseph University in West Hartford. He has scheduled 10 school districts to attend the training as a "kick off" in the Region

Presentation

A presentation was given by Sara C. Gerhold the Interpreter Coordinator for the State of Connecticut Department of Rehabilitation Services on the difficulties encountered in serving individuals with functional needs during emergencies/disasters. She explained the problems that arose during hurricanes Irene and Sandy when shelters were opened and individuals with functional need were cared for. The difficulties that presented themselves in communication with deaf and hearing impaired people.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Update

Stephen Foley, Bill Austin and Bruce Lockwood gave an update on the UASI grant. Bruce explained even though we are no longer recognized for UASI funds that CREPC will continue to maintain the UAWG workgroup for CRCOG.

Training Coordinator Report

Stephen Foley reported that the multi-year training plan is near complete.

EMAP Update

Bruce Lockwood and Bill Austin reported on progress with CREPC's self-assessment for this project. Bruce recognized those present at the meeting who have been working on the project.

AEM/CEM update

Bruce Lockwood announced that there are 22 people that have been signed up for the program and that soon he will be sending out a meeting request to schedule times for the examination to be conducted.

Action on revised CREPC Bylaws

Bruce Lockwood notified the body that a future meeting will be held to fix a small clerical issue with the Bylaws.

America's Preparathon

Chairman Lockwood handed out information on the upcoming America's Preparathon. He stressed the importance of this national campaign to our communities for preparing for emergencies and disasters.

Other new business

- Chairman Lockwood established an ad hoc Nominations Committee for the Chairperson and 2nd Chairpersons positions. He named Dr. Arnold Goldman chair of the committee and Betty Morris and Bill Turley committee members.
- Chairman Lockwood stated that CEMA's next meeting will be on May 5, 20214 at 1pm at the ARC
- Chris Baker Informed the body that the ARC is creating a PSA on the sheltering of persons with functional needs this will take place in June during the State EPPI exercise.
- Chairman Lockwood notified the body that due to the closeout of the UASI grant on April 30th, two contractor positions supporting CREPC will be eliminated. Bruce extended a grateful thanks to Bill Austin and Stephen Foley. Bill Austin will continue to be the RESF-5 Chairperson and continue with EMAP until completion.
- A plaque was presented to Steve Caron who was absent due to illness for his hard work as RESF-21 chairperson. At the end of this school year Steve is retiring from St Joseph's University. A search for a new chairperson is being conducted.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2014.