

**REGION 3**  
**ESF-8 EMS Section Meeting**  
**Ambulance Service of Manchester**  
**November 27, 2007 1000 hours**

**Attendance:**

Brenda Squires (NCCMED), Hank Klien (NCCMED), Brenda Murphy(EHFD), Terry Cote(ASM), Steve Conley (ASM), Larry Gorman(S.Windsor), Bruce Lincoln(E.Windsor), John Shaw(CREPC), Greg Priest (UCONN), Michael Boucher (Burlington), Jim Garrow (AMR), Will Perez (EHFD), Doug Whalen (Bradley), Dave Kosciuk (New Britain)

**Committee Reports:**

Salamander System – Chief Whalen:

System is presently in East Hartford, software issues have prevented some forward movement – however they are finally making badges. Plan is to finish East Hartford Fire and Manchester Fire next. Once there is competence, one person from each town will become the Salamander representative. Agencies will have the opportunity to borrow the machine for limited time frames.

Another option is to submit photos and paperwork to Chief Whalen and he will do the tags and send back to your agency. Database forms are attached (Responder Collection Form 1.xls). Be sure that your photos (in jpeg) are somehow aligned with the forms, for example (lastname,firstname.jpg). All responders will need one tag per agency they work or volunteer with. All firefighters will be getting two badges for accountability purposes. Keep in mind this system is for the major incident.

There are also two rapid tag systems in the Capitol Region – one is aboard CP8. This captures all data from a drivers license and quickly prints an ID tag. There are a total of 27 PDA scanners in Capitol Region, every task force has scanners as well. There is a need to use it at some drills for familiarity purposes, contact Chief Whalen. There are 4 scanners always available for training.

It will be the agencies responsibility to manage badges. If you have employees that leave, the badge is still active. Need to be sure to get back from employees. Change in credentials require a new tag. Badges w/clip cost \$4.50; Capitol Region is supplying 3000 badges for free to all responders in the region. Hopefully will get everyone first shot. Includes any EMS/Fire service in 43 towns of CR.

### Major Incident Protocol – Murphy / Koscuk:

Committee work has been beneficial. The committee has identified an early notification process for the hospitals. In consultation with the MAC chair he has authorized the use of this process. An early notification will be provided to potential catchment hospitals when the following occurs:

- One incident that has 3 or more ambulances requested to the scene
- One incident that has 5 or more critical or 10 non-critical patients

This should not be considered an MCI declaration and nothing will change operationally. It is simply a heads up for the hospitals.

As part of the protocol, the committee has drafted MCI levels that once declared would put several things into motion. The CMED dispatchers would have the standing authority to operationalize the asset once the IC declares an MCI and the corresponding level. The following is the draft levels:

#### **Level 1 MCI (11-20 victims)**

- 10 Ambulances [2 task forces](no need to specify ALS v BLS)
- 2 EMS Supervisors
- 1 Local MCI equipment resource

#### **Level 2 MCI (21-50 victims)**

- 15 Ambulances [3 task forces]
- 3 EMS Supervisors
- 1 Regional MCI trailer
- RED Plan Notification

#### **Level 3 MCI (51-100 victims)**

- 20 Ambulances [4 task forces]
- 2 Buses
- 5 EMS Supervisors
- 1 Regional MCI trailer
- RED Plan Notification

#### **Level 4 MCI (>100 victims)**

- 20 Ambulances (per 100 victims) [5 task forces]
- 2 Buses (per 100 victims)
- 5 EMS Supervisors (per 100 victims)
- 1 Regional MCI trailer (per 100 victims)
- RED Plan Notification

D. Koscuk is researching credentials of EMS Supervisor/Task Force Leader and MCI trailers through Resource Typing Resources

B. Squires will research bus types and availability. We need to focus on number of seats vs. type of bus

FIRE Captain System – Perez:

This program originated from the police MDT's. In FY04 1million was set aside for Fire Captain system. There has been a name change to Public Safety Captain system. This will be all inclusive FIRE, POLICE, EMS. 500k has been spent on software, all software is up and running

Components include AVL, GIS, GPS tracking of every vehicle in as many layers of maps as the municipality has. This will allow you to track your vehicles, average speed, route of travel. There are multiple CAD interface opportunities for individual municipalities to obtain on their own. Limited internet access – 30/40 predetermined websites. Municipality will have the ability to upgrade web service. Data entry lines available on a emergency call information and instant messaging capabilities. Software part of the program – Firehouse IC module and preplan module.

What is the charge for all this: \$1000 per unit per year. That is what you pay CRCOG. Paying for cell service, system maintenance, upkeep, etc. PSAP's/CMED are eligible pay 1000 per year, can do it on a LAN. Current Toughbooks distributed by OEMS will support the software applications, however it will not function when disconnected from modem. There will be a live demonstration on Dec 4 at 1830 at East Hartford Fire Station 3.

Two attachments: CAPTAIN NEWSLETTER.PDF, CAPTAIN FIRE EQUIPMENT LIST.PDF

Recruitment – Terry Cote:

Several phone call have been made, holidays have made it tough. Letters going out today soliciting participation.

Regional EMS Training Program – Dan Scace

Outlines of the courses provided (attached – EMS Hazardous Response Training.PDF)

**New Business:**

Fire Task Force Support – Perez:

Fire Task Forces are part of the statewide fire service. At Capitol Region Fire Chief's (CRFC) meeting EMS support for the task force was discussed. CRFC wants EMS support to provide rehab and medical monitoring to affiliated task force members. Do not have to have transport capability, goal is not to transport out. Goal is to support the rehab and medical monitoring needs of the task force. Needs to be ALS, 1 EMT/1Paramedic, support vehicle okay in lieu of ambulance. There is no reimbursement tied to this. No set time for deployment, not usually in an emergency mode. Members in attendance show a vote of support for the concept and are willing to work on it further.

Further discussion led into the Medical Monitoring and Rehabilitation guidelines, attached (DEMHS3.MMandREHAB.PDF), that will be part of the regional training

program. There is an opportunity for comment before a request is sent to the CRFC looking for feedback and support.

SMART Tag Distribution – Shaw

So far Region 3 has had the worst participation in pickup up the SMART Tags, if you have not yet done so, please contact Bob Kenny to arrange for a pick up/ drop off.

Next Meeting – Kosciuk

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1230 hours – East Hartford Public Safety Complex