

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council Meeting (DEMHS
Region 3) (UASI Region 3) October 19, 2017
9:30 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford CT**

Call to order

Chairman David Kosciuk called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adoption of Minutes

Jay Gonzalez and seconded by Terri Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 20th meeting. All in favor. So voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Doug Pesce gave a brief report from DHS.

William Turley reported that DEMHS recently hired Jonathan Hartenbaum as the new Region 3 Planner. He is currently reviewing all the LEOP's. School security plans are due on November 1st. This year the EPPI will be conducted at the annual EMD meetings in each region. DEMHS is establishing a statewide HAZMAT work group and he is looking for 2 EMD's from our region to serve on it. There will be a CERT train the trainer class held at the end of January.

John Basso gave a detailed report regarding the State's Puerto Rico/ Islands Hurricane Relief Effort. CREC will be opening a relief/welcome center in Hartford on November 1st.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Amendment to CREPC bylaws- Carmine Centrella stated that CRCOG has begun working with DPH as the fiduciary agent for the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition and is in process of developing standard operating procedures. As such we are recommending a change to the CREPC bylaws to add the Healthcare Coalition Committee as a standing committee under section 8.1 He read the proposed language change which will be voted upon in January:

New sub-section 8.1g Healthcare Coalition – The Healthcare Coalition Committee (HCC) is required in accordance with the US Health and Human Services HPP and PHEP Cooperative Agreement (CDC-RFA-TP17-1701). The HCC serves as the planning and coordinating body for Region 3 Emergency Support Function 8 – Public Health and Medical Services initiatives. The HCC has established a set of Standard Operating Procedures which are attached to the CREPC By-Laws.

Cyber Security presentation

Sheri DeVaux, DAS/BEST IT Security Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation and distributed literature to the group.

DEEP Micro grids

Veronica Szczerkowski, DEEP Microgrid Program Coordinator made a Power Point presentation to the group.

DEMHS Generators

Cheryl Assis stated that Emergency Management Directors received correspondence from DEMHS in terms of available portable generators. She has reviewed the list of requests with Bill Turley and is recommending that Southington, Canton and East Hartford receive 15 kw generators, Vernon receive a 10kw generator and Manchester receive a 5kw generator. Bob DiBella, seconded by Jay Gonzalez made a motion that the group approve this recommendation. All in favor, so voted.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Grant update

Lynne Pike- Disanto gave an update on the grant process and introduced David Murphy who will be the lead contact from Milone and MacBroom.

Additional FY 15 funding

Cheryl Assis stated that there has been an additional \$87,083.90 allocated to each DEMHS region from unused LE FY 15 funds. There is a requirement to use \$40,000 toward the Hartford Bomb Squad.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-5

Chairman Kosciuk introduced Jay Gonzalez as the new ESF-5 Chair. Chief Austin will continue with the group as a Duty Officer. Don Janelle and Cheryl Assis gave an overview of a Drone Pilot Training Course to be held in November. The region will split the cost of the course with the town of Vernon. There are 24 spots and it has been sent to all EMD's.

RESF-6 Don Davis gave a report of recent Citizen Corps Council activities. CERT Training Day was held on September 23rd at the CT Fire Academy. There was a demonstration of the "I am Responding" system at the September meeting. Rita Stewart is researching the possibility of tracking systems being eligible for grant funding. Numerous funding requests have been approved. The Preparedness Committee held a TTX on September 9th at Hartford's Emergency Operations Center with local team leaders and EMD's in attendance.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on January 18th.

