

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting (DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)**

April 29, 2021

9:30 a.m.

CRCOG, Via Zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. via Zoom. Attendees were asked to put their name and organization in the chat box for attendance purposes. Participants introduced themselves and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Don Janelle seconded by Harley Graime made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 21st meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Bill Turley commented that the Capitol Region MRC as well as many of our CERT teams are busy with activations. He discussed the various testing and vaccination sites within the region. The annual EMD meeting for our region was held last month. There will not be an EPPI exercise this year. He welcomed Shelly Carter to DEMHS.

Unfinished Business

Cheryl Assis stated that CTIC has added a part time Fire Regional Intelligence Liaison Officer (RILO) and are in process of hiring another.

New Business

SHSGP Grants Report

Cheryl Assis gave a briefing on the status of the FY 18 grant which will be finalized on July 30th and updated the group on meetings of the Statewide Homeland Security Working Group and the FY 21 application. The most recent project is to purchase an upgraded gate security system for the public works yard in West Hartford where a good amount of regional equipment is stored. If your municipality/department has any regional equipment that was purchased through the SHSGP grants that may require maintenance or replacement, please let Cheryl know.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-1 Transportation – Terri Thompson reported that they have finalized the Traffic Incident Management pocket guide and are looking to print about 5000 of them. She will set up a meeting soon at the request of our Fire Chiefs regarding standpipes on the highways.

ESF-5 Emergency Management - Bill Perkins outlined the activities in support of COVID-19 response. The region has been manning a Regional Distribution Center in West Hartford with

the IMT coordinating. We are on IAP 57. We are currently upgrading the Salamander ID system.

RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management – Don Janelle stated the group held a bi-monthly meeting and the Statewide Citizen Corps Council met recently over Zoom. Some teams have found very creative ways to keep active during the pandemic. Bristol just ran a regional CERT basic training class. Cheryl Assis reviewed the list of teams who applied for grants recently.

RESF-8 – Jennifer Farley stated that the main focus in the region now turns to vaccination efforts and ESF-8 is assisting regionally as needed. She thanked Bill Perkins and Steve Huleatt for assisting with the regional West Hartford clinic site. All partners have been working very well together.

Katherine McCormack stated the CR-MRC is supporting a clinic at ESPN with over 700 vaccinations a week. There have been over 60 activations this year. She discussed all the current deployments including Bristol Hospital, Bradley Airport, Chatham Health District, and the Town of Vernon.

Steve Huleatt gave a brief update regarding the deliverables of the PHEP grant and vaccination efforts of 16/17 year olds in the region.

RESF-10 HAZMAT

East Hartford Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Munson introduced himself to the group as the new Chair of the Capitol Region HAZMAT team. West Hartford Battalion Chief Eric Munsell will be the Co-Chair. Simsbury recently withdrew from the team, and they thanked Chief Baldis and his staff for all their work over the years. They are in the process of finding another department to join and take the equipment cache. They recently created by-laws and will take part in a Statewide HAZMAT exercise at Rentschler Field on May 19th.

Other Business/ Information

There was no other business to come before the group.

Adjournment

Chair Kosciuk stated that it was great to have a lot of new faces in the crowd and looks forward to working with everyone. Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2021.