

Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Regional Emergency Support Plan was activated on March 18th. The Regional Coordination Center is now on partial activation for monitoring purposes. Coordination is being done by the ESF-5 (Emergency Management) and ESF-8 (Public Health and Medical Services) duty officers.

The Capitol Region Incident Management Team (CT-IMT3) has been activated and developed an Incident Action Plan (IAP) which is being reviewed by local public health leads through bi-weekly meetings and reissued weekly. We are utilizing our Regional Distribution Site Standard Operating Guide. Our Regional Distribution Center in West Hartford was opened on March 25th and ended operations on August 26th. It will now open on an as needed basis to distribute PPE.

Staff participated in a Statewide Homeland Security Working Group meeting this month to discuss the FY 21 State Homeland Security Grant application. In addition, approvals were given to add a second Fire Intelligence Liaison Officer to the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC). There was also a quarterly DEMHS Regional Collaboration meeting held.

A bi-monthly CRCOG Cybersecurity Task Force meeting was held with a presentation by CIRMA.

CRCOG was notified that our application to the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) on behalf of the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps (CR-MRC) to strengthen the unit and assist with the COVID vaccination campaign was approved in the amount of \$10,000. The CR-MRC has been very active during the pandemic under the leadership of Katherine McCormack. They currently have active missions at St. Francis Hospital, Bristol Burlington Health District, Bristol Hospital, Hartford Health and Human Services Department, the Town of Vernon and the Chatham Health District. CERT teams also continue to be active during the pandemic.

There was a quarterly CREPC meeting held on January 21st. David Kosciuk was reelected as Chair and Bob McCue, West Hartford Emergency Management Director, was elected as Second Vice-Chair. Deputy Hartford Police Chief Dustin Rendock serves as the First Vice-Chair.

CRCOG continues to meet with our 14 local public health directors every other week for information sharing and best practices. They have also been meeting each week regarding vaccine rollout.