

## **Public Safety and Homeland Security**

- **CRCOG Homeland Security & Grant Initiatives**

Work is underway on the FY 18 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant. Work on the FY 19 SHSGP will commence shortly. The FY 20 SHSGP grant application was recently approved by DEMHS and all regions presented the most recent budgets. All open grants include funds for training and exercise, contractual support and sustainment and maintenance of regional equipment. There are also set asides for the Hartford Bomb Squad, Capitol Region HAZMAT team and Metropolitan Medical Response System.

CRCOG received a National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) grant for our Medical Reserve Corps. The grant will be for \$10,000 to support our vaccination training efforts.

CRCOG public safety staff have been working with communities on vaccination planning efforts.

- **COVID-19 Support Activities**

The Regional Emergency Support Plan was activated on March 18th. The Regional Coordination Center is on a partial virtual activation. 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 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 the three day a week operation ended at the end of August. The site is currently now open on an as needed basis and was utilized several times in February. The Capitol Region Incident Management Team is manning the site along with staff from the Town of West Hartford, National Guard, CRCOG and area CERT teams.

Finally, our Medical Reserve Corps remains a very valuable asset. They have current activations at St. Francis, Chatham Health District, Bristol-Burlington Health District, Town of Vernon and the City of Hartford Health Department with hundreds of Cr-MRC members volunteering their time in both medical and non-medical roles.

- **Other Highlights**

A bi-monthly Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council meeting was held via Zoom. Our CERT teams found creative and innovative ways to help during the pandemic and reported out on their activities.

Working with the Department of Public Health to act as the fiduciary agent for local public health emergency preparedness funds. Our 24/7 coverage forms, MCM Action Plan and Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plans have been submitted. CRCOG distributed the new Administrative Service Agreements for BP2 in mid-January. These agreements will be good for the last 4 years of the grant. We continue to have monthly ESF-8 meetings and bi-weekly meetings with the local Public Health Directors.