

Public Safety and Homeland Security

) CRCOG Homeland Security & Grant Initiatives

Work is underway on the FY 18 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant. This grant will end on July 30th. Work on the FY 19 SHSGP has commenced. The Statewide Homeland Security Working Group, of which Cheryl Assis is a member, has held several meetings in April and May regarding the FY 21 SHSGP grant application. 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.

There are new federal requirements in the homeland security grants with funds directed toward enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places and combatting domestic violent extremism.

There will be a HAZMAT Team Field Day for all five teams in the State including the Capitol Region Team at Rentschler Field in May.

CRCOG public safety staff have been working with communities on vaccination planning efforts and hold a community vaccination meeting for all local health directors bi-weekly.

) 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 just issued our 60th IAP for this event.

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. 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. CRCOG recently entered into MOA's with CR-MRC Director Katherine McCormack and Assistant Deborah Busick for their service to the CR-MRC.

) Other Highlights

A Quarterly meeting of the Capitol Region PK-12 Emergency Planning Committee was held.

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. All Administrative Service Agreements are fully executed and the first through third quarter programmatic and financial reports have all been submitted successfully. We continue to have monthly ESF-8 meetings and bi-weekly meetings with the local Public Health Directors.