

Public Safety and Homeland Security

CRCOG Homeland Security & Grant Initiatives

The FY 18 Metropolitan Medical Response System grant closed out on 8/15 and the region replenished the pharmaceutical stockpile housed at Hartford Hospital. Work on the FY 19 SHSGP has commenced. 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 presented at the DEMHS Regional Collaboration Committee's Best Practices Forum highlighting the work of our Medical Reserve Corps during the pandemic.

CRCOG staff is working to initiate a complete After-Action Review of the region's response during the Covid pandemic as well as one focused solely on local public health.

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, 2020 and the Regional Coordination Center was just recently deactivated. 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. The Preparedness Committee has determined that we will hold off on the Annual CERT Field Day for the foreseeable future.

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 sent in the final programmatic and financial reports for BP2. We continue to have monthly ESF-8 meetings and bi-weekly meetings with the local Public Health Directors.