

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.

CRCOG submitted our FY 20 SHSGP grant application. The budget was presented at the DEMHS Regional Collaboration meeting where all regions participated in a roundtable. In addition, through left over State FY 18 funds, CRCOG will receive an extra \$28,000 for the Hartford Bomb Squad which serves as our regional squad as well as \$58,000 additional for equipment, maintenance, and sustainment.

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 Bradley Airport and at St. Francis Hospital to assist with vaccine clinics.

There was a Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council meeting held on January 11th and attended by many of our region's team leaders. Many have found creative ways to assist and be active during the pandemic.

There will be a quarterly CREPC meeting held on January 21st. Election of officers will take place.

CRCOG continues to meet with our 14 local public health directors every other week for information sharing and best practices. The language for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Administrative agreements was just released by DPH and those agreements were sent to our subcontractors.