

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting (DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)  
October 21, 2021  
9:30 a.m.  
CRCOG, Via Zoom**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. via Zoom. Attendees were asked to put their name and organization in the chat box for attendance purposes. Participants introduced themselves and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment** – none

**Adoption of the Minutes**

Don Janelle seconded by Harley Graime made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. All in favor, so voted.

**Federal and State Liaison Reports**

Bill Turley commented that the Capitol Region MRC as well as many of our CERT teams are busy with activations. He discussed the various testing and vaccination sites within the region. There will not be an EPPI Exercise this year. He continues to work with CRCOG on the Long-Term Recovery Work Group. Interviews were conducted recently for the Region 2 Planner and the Planning Manager and Director of Emergency Management interviews will be scheduled soon.

**Unfinished Business**

***SHSGP Grants Report***

Cheryl Assis provided a grant update. The FY 21 State Homeland Security Grant Application approved by this group in July was subsequently approved by the CRCOG Policy Board and DEMHS. We recently had a virtual monitoring visit/audit which went very well. We are currently working on the FY 19 grant. If your municipality/department has any regional equipment that was purchased through the SHSGP grants that may require maintenance or replacement or any training needs, please let Cheryl know.

**New Business**

Vice-Chair Dustin Rendock announced that Windsor Locks Police Chief Eric Osanitsch would be taking the lead on ESF-13 Law Enforcement as Vernon Chief James Kenny has retired.

There was discussion on when to resume in person meetings and the consensus was to try to do that in January depending on the covid numbers.

## **ESF- Selected Committee Reports**

***RESF-1 Transportation*** – In Terri Thompson’s absence, Bill Perkins reported that the pocket guides are ready to go. Crash Responder Safety Week is November 8-14.

***ESF-5 Emergency Management*** – Bill Perkins outlined the activities in support of COVID-19 response. He stated that Jay Gonzalez will be stepping down from ESF-5 as he has retired from Manchester Fire. John Field is the State IMT Coordinator and has been meeting with team leadership from all regions monthly. The IMT assisted with the funeral of Burlington Firefighter McFadden.

***RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management*** – Don Janelle stated the group held a bi-monthly meeting and the Statewide Citizen Corps Council met recently over Zoom. Some teams have found very creative ways to keep active during the pandemic. Cheryl Assis reviewed the list of teams who applied for grants recently. The annual CERT Field Day has been put on hold for the time being. Don is one of two CT representatives to the National CERT Association, and they are currently looking for someone to replace Mark Amatrudo in that role.

***RESF-8*** – Steve Huleatt stated that the group continues to meet monthly and have been receiving updates from all hospitals. Behavioral health continues to be an ongoing issue at the pediatric level. The Pfizer vaccine should be approved for kids 5-11 soon.

Katherine McCormack stated that the CR-MRC had a very active year with 107 activations through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The next monthly training session will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She thanked the Chatham Health District who authorized \$1,000 for a volunteer recognition event and she will work with Cheryl Assis on this.

Local Public Health Considerations for Lifting Municipal Indoor Mask Mandates – Charles Brown went over this document which was previously distributed to the group and authored and approved by the Public Health section of ESF-8. It was the consensus of this group to accept this model.

### ***RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE***

There was a presentation from Don Janelle and Attorney Jennifer Yoxall on the new CT Municipal UAV Task Force. If you are interested in joining please let him know.

### ***RESF-10 HAZMAT***

BC Munsell stated that they continue to rebuild the team. They have been working with CRCOG on funding and are putting together a training calendar.

## **Other Business/ Information**

There was no other business/information.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022.