

CRCOG Homeland Security & Grant Initiatives

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. Our region was allocated an additional \$60,000 in funds which has been split between the training and sustainment line items.

ESF-11 Animal Response has a cache of animal crates and cages that our being offered to our communities.

CRCOG staff continues to work with Tetra Tech on an After-Action Review of the region's response during the Covid pandemic. An electronic survey for all stakeholders was distributed with responses due back in mid-February (date was extended due to recent covid surge). In addition, we will be required to complete 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 initially activated on March 18th, 2020, and the Regional Coordination Center opened. Now on monitoring status. Coordination is being done by the ESF-5 (Emergency Management) and ESF-8 (Public Health and Medical Services) duty officers.

We are utilizing our Regional Distribution Site in West Hartford on an as needed basis. Millions of pieces of PPE were distributed. When activated, 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.

The Governor resumed the Statewide Covid mitigation calls for the distribution of at home covid test kits and masks.

Finally, our Medical Reserve Corps remains a very valuable asset. They have current activations to assist health departments and hospitals with hundreds of CR-MRC members volunteering their time in both medical and non-medical roles.

Other Highlights

CRCOG assisted with a FEMA Crowd Control course for police departments within our region. A CRCOPA committee is being formed to evaluate the current RAFS (Regional Access Frequency System).

CRCOG staff attended training sessions with Everbridge to enhance and update our current alerting system.

Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Capitol Region HAZMAT Team Steering Committee. One of the HAZMAT truck/trailers was transferred from Simsbury to UConn.

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. Many assisted this week with the distribution of the covid test kits.

Public Safety staff participated in the CRCOG Executive Director hiring process, the website design procurement process, traffic incident management meetings, and held a meeting with new ESF-2 Communications personnel to review equipment needs and procedures.

Working with the Department of Public Health to act as the fiduciary agent for local public health emergency preparedness funds. We have submitted our 24/7 coverage forms, MCM Action Plan and Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plans. CRCOG just submitted the second quarter programmatic and financial reports for BP3. DPH has issued a contract addendum based on some definition changes. We continue to have monthly ESF-8 meetings and bi-weekly meetings with the local Public Health Directors.