

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting (DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)**

**July 15, 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 Bob DiBella made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 29<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. The school drill logs were due July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be an EPPI Exercise this year. He continues to work with CRCOG on the Long-Term Recovery Work Group.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**New Business**

***Approval of FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Application***

Cheryl Assis presented the budget for the FY 2021 grant application which was distributed to the group. There was a slight increase in funding from last year and the Bomb Squad and HAZMAT set-asides have been increased to \$75,918. In addition, there is a Protection of Soft Targets required set-aside in the amount of \$46,025 for the purchase of a barricade system. Other line items include: training and exercise, sustainment/maintenance of regional equipment/programs, and contractual services for planning and project support.

Don Janelle, seconded by Bob DiBella made a motion to accept this spending plan and have it presented to the CRCOG Policy Board for approval. All in favor, so voted.

***SHSGP Grants Report***

Cheryl Assis stated that we are currently working on the FY 18 SHSGP grant. Of recent note is that a gate enhancement for the West Hartford Public Works site where a good amount of regional equipment is stored has been completed. Radios for our SWAT commanders were recently ordered through ESF-2. If your municipality/department has any regional equipment that was

purchased through the SHSGP grants that may require maintenance or replacement, please let Cheryl know.

### **ESF- Selected Committee Reports**

***RESF-1 Transportation*** – Terri Thompson reported that they are making good progress on developing a pocket guide. She is working with Fire Chiefs in the Capitol Region and the DOT on an issue with standpipes. Chief Priest thanked Terri for all of her good work.

***ESF-5 Emergency Management*** - Bill Perkins outlined the activities in support of COVID-19 response. The region has been standing ready with the Regional Distribution Center in West Hartford. The IMT and CR-MRC just took delivery of new radios which are on the new State system. ESF-2 is assisting with programming. All IMT's in the State have been meeting to obtain interoperability between teams. Chairman Kosciuk congratulated Bill on his appointment to the Board of Directors for the All-Hazards Incident Management Team Association.

***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.

***RESF-8*** – Jennifer Farley stated that the main focus in the region has been returning to normal. Overall cases have been declining. There is a lot of effort to reach those who have not been vaccinated.

Katherine McCormack stated that the CR-MRC had a very active year with 107 activations through June 30<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 1913 volunteers with 18,375 hours of volunteer time. CR-MRC member Courtney Pollack was recently honored for her volunteerism during the US Women's Soccer game held at Rentschler Field. We are continuing to support Chatham and Hartford health departments. Thanks to Bill Perkins for bringing the cabana unit to the Travelers Golf Tournament.

Steve Huleatt gave a full update in regard to the PHEP grant. Local health is now gearing down on mass clinics and gearing up for school reopening.

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

Chief Munson stated that the restructure of the team continues, and team leaders met with CRCOG on budget issues and asset replacement. The team is approaching its 20-year anniversary. All statewide teams held a training session and drill recently at Rentschler Field and are currently reviewing the After-Action Report form the event.

### **Other Business/ Information**

Cheryl Assis stated that CRCOG has hired a Communications Manager and would love to reinvigorate the Get Ready Capitol Region social media channels. If you have any photos of recent events or would like to highlight future ones, please let her know.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021.