

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting (DEMHS
Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
October 20, 2022
9:30 a.m.
CRCOG, Via Zoom**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Kosciuk. Participants introduced themselves and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence in honor of Bristol Sergeant Hamzy and Lt. Demonte and CREPC member Chris Marvin.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Don Gouin, seconded by Harley Graime, made a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 21st meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Bill Turley thanked all CERT teams for their recent assistance. John Hartenbaum has returned to DEMHS as the Logistics Chief. Please check the DEMHS Training calendar which is up on the website for new opportunities. The school plans are due by November 1st. He will be in the EOC tomorrow if anything is needed for the officer funerals.

Unfinished Business

COVID AAR update

Bill Perkins reported that Tetra Tech has provided the first draft of the Covid AAR, and it was reviewed by a small work group. They will present to this committee in January.

Region 3 Cybersecurity Task Force TTX

Bill Perkins stated that 17 communities participated in the recent TTX held at the RCC. It went very well, and he will produce an AAR. This was the first in a series and he recommended to all EMD's to meet with your IT Directors and include them in planning processes.

SHSGP Grants Report

Cheryl Assis provided a grant update. We are currently working on the FY 19 grant which ends in February and will begin FY 20 shortly. We have recently purchased equipment for the Bomb Squad and conducted a lithium-ion battery training for HAZMAT. We are currently looking at SWAT and IMT equipment. 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

Election of Officers

Chairman Kosciuk reported that Don Janelle who chaired the Nominations Committee could not be here today. The slate of officers they recommend is - Chairman Dustin Rendock, Hartford Police Deputy Chief; First Vice-Chair Harley Graime Bristol EMD and second Vice-Chair Bob McCue West Hartford

EMD. There were no nominations from the floor. Katherine McCormack, seconded by Don Gouin made a motion to accept the slate as presented. All in favor, so voted. Congratulations to all and thanks to Chair Kosciuk for so many years of service.

Presentation: After Action Brief of Uvalde Incident

Cheryl Assis introduced Lt. David Michael and Officer Merrick Forader from the West Hartford Police Department who provided an overview of the incident and the law enforcement response.

Recognition of ESF-2/Capitol Region I-COMM Team

Chairman Kosciuk recognized Mike Boucher for his leadership and the I-COMM team for all of their hard work and dedication during the tragedy in Bristol as they filled dispatch shifts immediately after the event and during memorial gatherings and funerals. This is a great example of the power of CREPC. Mike Boucher thanked all the dispatchers and departments involved.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-1 Transportation –No report.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – No report.

RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management – Cheryl Assis stated that the Regional CERT class was approved and will begin shortly. Quarterly Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council meetings continue with many grants being approved for basic training, advanced training, and equipment.

RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services – Dave Kosciuk introduced Pat Srenaski who has agreed to be the new ESF-8 Chair and thanked Jen Farley for her service.

He stated hospitals are monitoring an uptick in respiratory illness and keeping an eye on ebola. Steve Huleatt indicated that the group continues to meet monthly and have been receiving updates from all hospitals.

Katherine McCormack and Allyson Schulz provided an overview of the Executive Summary of the recent Feasibility Assessment for the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps prepared by Quality Perspectives through an Operational Readiness Award from NACCHO. Focus groups were held with regional and state partners and a SWOT analysis conducted. They highlighted the numbers of volunteers along with the tremendous number of hours and activations during the pandemic along with changes in the funding structure. They encouraged members to include the CR- MRC in TTX and Operational Exercises or joint training opportunities. Please feel free to request a copy of the full study especially to view the full list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

No report.

RESF-10 HAZMAT

No report.

Other Business/Information

Cheryl Assis stated that she is looking for photos of regional or CERT teams in action to put on our social media pages.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 am. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023.