

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
January 19, 2023
9:30 a.m.
CRCOG, In person and via Zoom**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Rendock. Participants introduced themselves and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Dave Koscuk, seconded by Harley Graime, moved to adopt the minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

In the absence of Bill Turley, Emily Hein reported for DEMHS Region 3. She introduced Jeremy Krol, trainer, who described a course offered to assist jurisdictions and those involved in emergency management and response to develop training plans and to identify specific training that they would like to have DEMHS provide. The course, “Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning,” will be presented by TEEX and will be offered for Region 3 in Middletown (in person) on March 20 and 21. Jeremy will be sending out a brochure and a link to register. Emily also announced that there will be an ICS 300 class presented on January 24-25.

No one was present from Congressman Larson’s office.

Unfinished Business

COVID AAR update – postponed to the end of the agenda

SHSGP Grants Update – In the absence of Cheryl Assis, Bill Perkins provided a grants update. The FFY 19 SHSGP grant will end in another month or two, and there are still some funds available in the grant. If your town/department has any regional equipment purchased with SHSGP grant funds that needs maintenance, repair, or replacement, or if you have any training needs, please contact Cheryl. We will soon start spending funds from the FFY 20 grant. This grant has a set-aside for the protection of soft targets – a barricade system - which will be a regional asset.

Presentation to Dave Koscuk – Chairman Dustin Rendock presented a plaque to Dave Koscuk in recognition of his six years of service as CREPC’s chair.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-1 Transportation –Terri Thompson, CRCOG, reported that they are working with CTDOT on Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training for all responders. This training may be taken on the road this year if there are enough requests. The committee is monitoring road safety legislative actions, including a bill related to “Slow Down, Move Over” to support responder safety, noting the frequency of crashes involving response vehicles and personnel. The committee continues to work on a regional unified

response manual to be reviewed by the TIM Coalition champions in their areas of expertise. The hope is that it will be adopted this year.

RESF-2 Interoperable Communications – (this report was added at the end of the meeting). Mike Boucher reported that in 2022 there were 21 requests for interoperability communications support for incidents, training, and planned events. For the majority of the requests, a STOCs Box or MCV was deployed as a communications gateway along with a Communications Unit Leader and Dispatcher(s).

ICOMM Team – During the Bristol incident, a total of 47 dispatchers from 24 agencies covered 93 dispatcher shift positions. A final report will be forthcoming.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – Bill Perkins reported that the IMT has requested two replacement generators. He also reported that the Cybersecurity TTX was very successful, and that Cybersecurity is being established as a separate ESF 17 across the state. It will be included in the next update of the RESP

RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management – Don Janelle reported that the CERT teams met last week, and that each CERT team has been asked to submit a report on their activities. In a couple of months there will be a regional CERT class (one night a week) to accommodate those willing volunteers in towns lacking a municipal CERT team. Contact Don or Harley Graime for more information. Bristol has a class starting January 23. Also forming is a statewide CERT Net team – an on-air meeting of amateur radio operators. Other amateur radio operators are invited to participate.

RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services – Pat Srenaski reported that Hartford Hospital surged on January 6. RESF-8 would like to add a pharmacy section and a community health care section. They would like to change to hybrid meetings. Two TTXs are planned.

MRC – Allyson Schulz stated that they are kicking off a new training academy at the South Windsor EOC every other Monday, focusing on First Aid/CPR. They would like to develop a plan for providing support to long term care facilities in emergencies.

Kurt Leonardi reported that the Middletown MRC is still doing vaccination clinics every other week, administering vaccines and boosters to help stop the spread of Covid 19. Members of the Middletown MRC perform contact tracing for reportable diseases. Visits to home bound persons to administer vaccines and booster injections to prevent Covid 19. Vaccines to prevent Covid 19 are being administered at Whiting Forensic and CVH (Connecticut Valley Hospital). The Middletown MRC is still waiting to hear from NACCHO if the ORA grant was awarded. The training on Monday, January 30, will include information about DMORT teams and the role of the Public Information Officer.

RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE – No report.

RESF-10 HAZMAT - No report.

COVID AAR –

Jeremy Kaufman, Tetra Tech, presented the draft AAR for review. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation will be available on request. He particularly recommended a careful review of the Section on Analysis, Findings, and Recommendations, and suggested that this could be used as a basis for prioritizing available funding and for seeking new grant funds. Steve Huleatt noted that the AAR was funded by the CRCOG Policy Board and did not use grant funds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2023.