

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

April 20, 2023

9:30 a.m.

CRCOG, In person and via Zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Vice-Chairman McCue. Participants introduced themselves and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Don Gouin, seconded by Harley Graime, moved to adopt the minutes from the January 19, 2023, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Bill Turley reported that John Field is acting as the Region 3 coordinator this week and Mike Caplet will be in the role for the 2 weeks following. The Region 3 Coordinator position will be posted shortly and is open to the public. The CCM Emergency Management Symposium will be held next week at the Aria in Prospect. There will be a Flooding Workshop at the Holy Family Retreat Center on June 6th. Revised LEOP's will be due in January 2024. The EPPI will be held in October. He has been working with Western CT State University on a student-parent reunification workshop and will plan to bring one to our region as well. He thanked everyone for working with him during his time as Region 3 Coordinator and looks forward to his new role at DEMHS.

Hugo Benettieri from Congressman Larson's office reported that they recently moved from Hartford to East Hartford. He is always available to meet with any community.

Unfinished Business

SHSGP Grants Update –Cheryl Assis provided a grants update. The FFY 19 SHSGP grant has been closed out and a successful review conducted by DEMHS. We are currently purchasing new chairs for the Regional Coordination Center in Manchester and barricades under the Protection of Soft Targets set-aside funding. We recently purchased 3 stair climbing robots and pole cameras for use by the regional SWAT teams and provided upgrades to the West Hartford bearcat.

The State Homeland Security Working Group met yesterday regarding the FY 23 grant. Our base funding will increase by \$7,000 and we will still have set-asides for Bomb Squad, HAZMAT, Protection of Soft Targets, and a new Incident Management Team set-aside.

New Business

West Hartford Community Reception Center Exercise– Bob McCue gave an overview of the plans for both the practice drill and the evaluated drill to be held on May 13th regarding West Hartford being the host community for Millstone. They are still looking for role players.

RESF 17 Cyber Security TTX-AAR- Bill Perkins gave an overview of the recent Cybersecurity TTX. This was the first in a series and the goal is to bring in the National Guard for a full-scale exercise. Don Janelle suggested adding a GIS component and Mike Purcaro the schools.

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. She updated the group on the number of training sessions and responders trained and the work of the Vision Zero Council.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – Bill Perkins reported that the IMT leadership has been meeting regularly. They are pleased with the addition of set-aside grant funding.

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. They are working on a CERT Field Day to be held in July. Jon Basso discussed initial reports on hurricane season and record flooding.

RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services –Pat Srenaski reported that they have been holding hybrid meetings that are going very well. She is working on cleaning up the roster. Working on the end of the public health emergency and the changes that have come with it.

MRC – Allyson Schulz stated that they kicked off a new training academy at the South Windsor EOC every other Monday, focusing on First Aid/CPR and are developing a plan for providing support to long term care facilities in emergencies. A logistics team is conducting an inventory review. Andy McGuire will conduct a training session for the MRC members on June 8th. She thanked Kevin Bradley and stated she was pleased to attend the Canton CERT meeting this month.

Public Health – Charles Brown stated that that the required Anthrax TTX will be held on June 9th and encouraged everyone to attend.

RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE – No report.

RESF-10 HAZMAT – Cheryl Assis stated that she is meeting with the team leadership tomorrow.

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