

## Region 3 DEMHS/REPT Brief

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- John Field is covering Region 3 today, Mike Caplet Region 4 Coordinator assumes responsibility tomorrow for next 2 weeks.
- The Region 3 Coordinator position will be filled Sept 1 by Josh Cingranelli
- We already started planning for next years CCM Conference. We did a tour of Camp Nett in Niantic last week. It will be a storm related conference.
- EPPI DEMHS Training Div. is completely engaged now in preparing the 2023 EPPI. Oct 14 & 18. HazMat incident, depending on your town, it could be a over the road truck incident or a train .
- Emily Hein had a baby girl Saturday. All are healthy and doing well. Please use [DEMHS.Region3@ct.gov](mailto:DEMHS.Region3@ct.gov) The other coordinators and planners are monitoring that email address.
- The WCSU School Safety Center School Safety Conference is this week. I presented all day Monday on School Safety and security assessments. Michele Gay of Safe and Sound is speaking on Friday .
- We continue to conduct school safety and security assessments. The Regional offices have been trained in conducting these as well since I can only cover so much ground.
- CERT Saturday is Sept 30 and is posted on the DEMHS calendar so you can register for the break out sessions.
- A CERT Train the Trainer course will be held in the Nov 18 and Dec 2.
- At the state level we are working on the EMPG Required NQS (National Qualifications System) Establishing positions and required training and task books for each position. This will also include IMT and US&R
- We have several classes available to bring to your communities. Domestic Violence Extremism, Cyber Security training (2 hrs each, present them as a pair), ICS for schools, Scata's Emergency Preparedness Tool Kit, G-191 EOC interface with WebEOC (just completed in Bristol), Basic Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course (8 hours Stamford this month). If you are interested in brining to your town, contact me so we can discuss.
- ICS 300 Aug 22-24 at the Fire Academy (TEEX) Class is full.
- Trying to get more 300 and 400 classes in state, but not enough instructors. Lucky in R3, we have Bill Perkins and Ron Lee.
- Keep an eye on the DEMHS calendar and the quarterly bulletin for training opportunities.
- Currently DEMHS is working with FEMA and the towns in Litchfield county area on a Preliminary Damage Assessment for the recent rain storm damages.

## **CREPC Meeting 8-10-23 – Spending Plan information - Cheryl Assis**

Our State Homeland Security Grant Program spending plan has typically been divided into several broad categories. This makes things easier as we will likely not be spending these funds for 2-3 years. We can aim to tackle some smaller new projects but mostly aim to continue supporting our training and exercise programs and maintain regional equipment for our 41 communities and 13 ESF's. I will highlight some examples of how we will likely spend 23 funds.

### **Protection of Soft Targets set-aside (\$29,085):**

- We recently purchased a modular barricade system with trailer for our 19/20 allotments. Other things to look at may be light towers. Any thoughts from the group would be appreciated.

### **Bomb Squad Set Aside (\$75,000)**

- Plans for FY 23 and future funds are to purchase two bomb suits (70K) which are coming to end of life, replacement of rapid response vehicle (85K) and bomb mitigation equipment.

### **Training and Exercises (\$42,371):**

- Backfill/OT reimbursement for departments sending members to approved training classes in the amount of \$25 per hour.
- Support for regional exercises. Supplies for exercises. Backfill/OT reimbursement for exercises.
- Specialized Training. Examples include – Explosive Breaching, Incident Management Team, Functional Needs Training for First Responders
- Courses offered by TEEEX and EMI that we can bring to the region
- Conference attendance for ESF leaders– ex IMT National Conference, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials national and regional conferences, National Homeland Security Conference, IAEM national and regional conferences
- SWAT school – each year the Capitol Region runs a 2-week SWAT school for all new members of the 9 regional SWAT teams

### **Sustainment/Maintenance of Regional Equipment and Programs (\$135,833)**

- Given that during 3 years as a UASI we spent approximately 7.5 million dollars on equipment and programs the sustainment and replacement costs of these items is now quite high as they are at least 12-13 years old.
- Specifics for 2023 will be the continuance of our radio upgrade project and upgrades to the regional accountability system.
- In addition, the numerous vehicles and trailers we have purchased for SWAT, Bomb, Dive and other specialized teams require regular maintenance. These include Bearcats, Rapid Deployment Vehicles, boats and various prime movers and trailers such as our Animal Response Unit.

### **Contractual services for Planning and Project Support (\$123,000)**

- Used for our Training Coordinator to conduct ICS 300 and 400 classes and other classes on an as needed basis
- To conduct Tabletop exercises
- To review and update our plans as necessary