

**Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
(DEMHS Region 3) (UASI Region 3)
October 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 Dustin Rendock.

Public Comment – none

Adoption of the Minutes

Don Gouin, seconded by Terri Thompson, moved to adopt the minutes from the August 10, 2023, meeting. All in favor, so voted.

Federal and State Liaison Reports

Congressman Larson's office sent notification that his office would not be represented at this meeting. Josh Cingranelli was introduced as the new Region 3 Coordinator. He stated that 39/41 communities in Region 3 participated in the recent EPPI Exercise. Overall, it went smoothly, and they had some great suggestions for next year. The Hartford Marathon went well this weekend. There have been quite a few CERT activations in the last couple weeks. Training opportunities are posted on the DEMHS training calendar.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Kevin Burns, the CT Department of Transportation Rails Safety Program Coordinator gave a full presentation on his office and its capabilities.

Review of EPPI Exercise

There was a lengthy discussion of the exercise by the Emergency Management Directors present with a good amount of feedback and suggestions for next year. The group looks forward to seeing the AAR once released.

ESF- Selected Committee Reports

RESF-1 Transportation –Terri Thompson stated that DOT is updating the diversion plans and will also be working on some of the roadways not previously covered such as 384. She will be attending a conference in Emmitsburg starting tomorrow. CT DOT is now ranked #1 in the US for the amount of TIM training completed.

RESF-2 Communications

Cheryl Assis stated that the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) issued award nominations for the North Atlantic Chapter which includes 8 states. She nominated our Regional Incident Dispatch Team as the Team of the Year for their work during the Bristol tragedy and they were selected as the winner. Cheryl will be attending the conference in Albany next week along with Team Commander Mike Boucher and team members Mike Grabulis, Simon Censabella, Donna Bolasevich and Tammy Castagna. Mike Boucher congratulated his team on the award and appreciates the recognition.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – Bill Perkins reported he is teaching an ICS 300 class beginning on Monday and there are a few seats left. ICS 400 will be held on November 8th and 9th. He is doing another combined class for Hartford beginning on November 27th and will advise the group regarding open seats. Cyber Nutmeg will be held tomorrow. Don Janelle thanked Bill Perkins for being the Controller for a TTX held in Manchester last week. Its focus was on a loss of computer systems in town, and they had 55 folks attend.

RESF-6 Sub-Committee for Volunteer Management – Don Janelle reported that the CERT Training Day held at the Fire Academy on September 30th went very well. We have held 2 regional CERT classes with one currently ongoing. He and Harley Graime will attend the Statewide Citizen Corps Council meeting today as representatives of Region 3.

RESF-8 Public Health and Medical Services –Pat Srenaski reported that they have been holding monthly hybrid meetings with 40-50 active participants. Region 3 recently held a pandemic flu Tabletop Exercise, and we are waiting for the AAR. HHC will be conducting a full-scale surge exercise on a chlorine spill. Flu clinics have started, and all hospitals are monitoring Covid, flu and RSV.

RESF-9 SEARCH AND RESCUE – Don Janelle reported that they are currently training with the canines on cadaver searches, live finds, etc.

RESF-10 HAZMAT – No report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.