

Child Safety & Crisis Response Committee

Minutes – October 28, 2008

DEMHS, 25 Sigourney Street, 6th floor, Hartford, CT 06106

Attendees: Chris Baker, ARC; Julie Bisi, DSS; Michael Buckley - CASCIAC; Peggy Freidenfelt, DPH; Bruce Lockwood, CEMA; Caleb Lopez, SRO Assoc.; Treena Mazzotta, DCF; Vincent Mustaro, CABA; Robert Rader, CABA; Wayne Sandford, DEMHS; Scott Szalkiewicz, DPH; Sgt. James Thomas, CSP; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Tom Vannini, DEMHS; Barbara Wolf, OPM and Elaine Zimmerman, COC.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford at 1303 hours with introductions of new attendees. Bruce Lockwood congratulated on being sworn in as a member of the National Commission on Children in Disasters.
2. Overview of EPZ Towns Day Care Initiative by MaryRose Duberek of DEMHS. Included was the emergency box to be given to all day care providers with a binder for information on evacuation, contact numbers, etc., a pen, coloring books, and the add on pages specific to the EPZ towns for the Emergency Care Guidelines flipchart. Program was created in conjunction with the Dept. of Public Health. See attached pages.
3. DARE Question and Answer – Officers Scott Driscoll and Christina Dambra from the Glastonbury Police Dept. gave a quick overview of the Glastonbury DARE program and answered questions. See attached.
4. Report from DEMHS:
 - A. School Security Grant Update – Tom Vannini reported that Round 2 spending has been cut back to \$3 million by the Governor due to statewide budget constraints but that this is enough money to handle the applications for work that have been received to date. None of the 43 towns who applied will be denied. Many schools do not apply because they can not come up with the matching funds in their budgets. Discussion ensued on the dollars being used for training. At this time the grant only allows for training to be provided for the equipment that has been purchased by the grant. Tom advised that currently the grant requires that all school emergency plans be reviewed by the EM Director, the Police and the Fire Marshal before the grant is awarded.
 - B. STEP One Program – Wayne Sandford shared a letter and photographs from the Seymour School District where the STEP pilot program was run in September. The program was very well received by the parents and the students and Seymour intends to run it again next year. The Emergency Back Pack that was supplied to the pilot program was shown. The cost to run the program in all 4th grade classes across the state is approximately \$250,000.
 - C. Governor’s School and Campus Security Conference - was a great success and attended by 450 people. The speakers were well received, interesting and timely. The presentation by the State Police who responded to the Virginia Tech incident was quite good and underlined the issues that were dealing with as the incident unfolded.
 - D. Emergency Planning for Schools Workshops – No report in the absence of Tom Gavaghan but Wayne Sandford advised that they were well received.
5. Sub-Committee for Day Care Centers & Pre-School:

- A. Elaine Zimmerman advised that a phone conference was held among the co-chairs from DSS, DPH and COC. Evacuation Planning is the focus and CT is well ahead of the game in this area. The next move will be to work on the issues, challenges and gaps that exist as the demand for planning is there.
- B. The State has a high percentage of children that are in informal day care – Kith & Kin. The School Readiness Council is willing to help with 10% of their budget going to Kith & kin program. It may be possible to require some form of training for this population. Also the need exists to increase training for After School programs. Peggy Freidenfelt has trained over 700 people but more trainers are needed and a train-the-trainer model should probably be devised. DSS is showing renewed interest in participating with this project. Elaine Zimmerman commented that the sub-committee plans to start meeting again to address the issues of missing targets and work on the train-the-trainer idea.
- C. Discussion on DCF’s role and the therapeutic day cares that may be under their agency. More info to follow. Scott Szalkiewicz advised to not forget to keep the chain of communication open at the local level. Wayne Sandford advised that an updated list of facilities is emailed out to the local Emergency Management Directors so they are aware of facility locations. The suggestion was made that DPS focus on the increased regulatory and Public Health areas and DEMHS focus on the legally exempt facilities.

6. New Business:

Wayne Sandford advised that DEMHS is currently pursuing a grant for a K-12 school safety seminar after the 1st of the year and looking at a 3-4 hour block of time. More info to follow once funding is secured.

7. Items from Members: Open Discussion

- A. Discussion on resources available (i.e. water, etc.) to small day care facilities with little space and limited resources.
- B. Discussed white paper on parent’s reactions during an emergency situation.
- C. DSS checklist discussed.
- D. Discussion on need to get Day Care centers back up and running after a disaster to help get the community back on its feet. Also case management needs.
- E. HSIN Nominations.
- F. Attachments to agenda regarding NIMS guidance for schools. Will be posted to the DEMHS website. State NIMS plan has added the guidance and plan should be approved soon by the Coordinating Council.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 1pm – Sigourney Street. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Topics at next meeting to include report from Bruce Lockwood on the National Commission on Children in Disasters, and DARE Program information from Sgt. James Thomas of CSP.

DARE Program Question and Answer

Glastonbury DARE program is run at the Grade 6 level as the entire grade is in one school. It is a 10 lesson course that focuses on cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana and inhalants. The officers feel that the program should be reintroduced at both the 8th and 10th grade levels to reinforce what is learned at the times when children are making these decisions and the peer pressure may be the greatest. Glastonbury has many former students who return as Role Models to help with the program. Strong family support seems to be the common thread for the success of the program with children.

1. *Is there a way to measure the outcome? How?* The officers stay in constant communication with the students throughout the upper grades by utilizing SRO's. A youth Advisory Council is the bridge between the school and the community. They have found that the behavior tends to begin between the Freshman and Sophomore year and usually with alcohol. Scott Szalkiewicz advised that DPH has an assessment that is hard to get into the schools now. Statistics from the assessment are showing that the majority of kids do not use drugs. He feels the data collected would be beneficial for use by the schools. Caleb Lopez advised that South Windsor uses the "Tools for Care" Program, a hybrid of DARE and other programs. He advised that time is the challenge. There is little room in school curriculums to add additional programs. There is a High School version of the DARE Program but he does not know how many schools use it. The question was asked if it could be part of the health program in high school.

2. *How do you integrate trends such as prescription drugs, etc.?* Glastonbury will give the officers extra time to cover these types of issues even though they are not technically part of the program. The classes may be increased to 12 lessons if the need is there. Caleb Lopez advised that they are finding energy drinks are also up and coming in use by younger children.

3. *Is there some information we should be passing on to the Boards of Education?* The need is to get into the upper and lower grades other than 5 or 6th grade only. Unfortunately there is just no time in the schedules.

4. *Is there a bridge between what is being done in DARE and the support programs in schools for at risk populations?* The key is to keep the lines of communication open. Information from PPT's (Principal, Parent, Teacher conferences) and family history is very helpful. Also meeting with school psychiatrists, guidance councilors and other school personnel can give a better picture of what a student is facing.

5. *What about After-School programs?* The officers work hand in hand with the after school programs although this is not part of the DARE program.

6. *Are there statewide numbers for the DARE program?* Sgt, James Thomas of CSP advised that 36 officers are trained each year. Currently 65 towns are covered by Resident Troopers/SRO's and 160 towns participate statewide in the DARE program.

The program is about decision making skills, not "just say no." Statewide Conferences are held ever year as well as a Nationwide DARE Conference.



Nuclear Power Plant Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers in the Millstone Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ)

The 10-mile Millstone EPZ consists of the following towns: East Lyme, Fishers Island, Groton City, Groton Town, New London, Old Lyme and Waterford and portions of Ledyard, Lyme and Montville. Child care providers in the EPZ need to consider what to do with children in their care in the event of an emergency at Millstone. You are encouraged to contact your local Emergency Management Director in advance for assistance to incorporate these considerations into your emergency plan.



Child care providers will be notified of an emergency at Millstone by the State Department of Public Health.

If there is a problem at Millstone requiring people to take action, public safety officials would sound sirens. These sirens are located throughout the EPZ. Sirens signal people to turn on their radio  TV for an Emergency Alert System (EAS) message. Instructions may be to:

- **Just remain alert and ready to respond** (your area may not be directly affected by the emergency).
- **Stay indoors and take shelter** (see Natural Disasters & Shelter in Place).
- **Evacuate** (see Hazardous Materials and Evacuation) to Host Communities (see box).

For more detailed information on emergency preparedness for Millstone communities please refer to the "Safety Planning Information for Neighbors of Millstone Station" brochure that is mailed every year. If you did not receive a copy of this brochure in the mail please call 1-800-397-8876 or go to the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security website www.ct.gov/demhs.

EPZ Towns	Host Community	Reception Center
East Lyme Lyme Old Lyme	New Haven	Southern Connecticut State University Moore Field House 125 Wintergreen Avenue New Haven, CT 06515
Groton City Groton Town	Norwich	Kelly Middle School 25 Mahan Drive Norwich, Ct 06360
Ledyard	UCONN/Mansfield	UCONN Field House 2111 Hillside Road Storrs, CT 06269
Waterford Montville	East Hartford	East Hartford High School 869 Forbes Street East Hartford, CT 06118
New London Fishers Island, NY	Windham	Windham High School 355 High Street Windham, CT 06226

Pages 2 & 3 of your local Yellow Pages contain detailed evacuation route information to these host community reception centers.

Potassium Iodide (KI)

Under CGS 19a-131K, child care providers are allowed to administer KI in an emergency if directed by the CT Department of Public Health. KI might be recommended in addition to taking shelter or evacuation during a Millstone event. Child care providers who do not have an adequate supply of KI or have any questions on KI should contact 1-800-397-8876.



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MILLSTONE EMERGENCY PLANNING ZONE EVACUATION ROUTES TO HOST COMMUNITIES

Waterford to East Hartford

RT 85 North to RT 82 West to RT 2 West to Exit 5A (Main St.). Right at light onto Brewer St. to intersection with Forbes St., Left onto Forbes St. to East Hartford High School.

—OR

I-95 South to RT 9 North to I-91 North to Exit 25, cross over Putnam Bridge to RT 2 West to Exit 5A (Main St.) Right at light onto Brewer St. to intersection with Forbes St., Left onto Forbes St.

Montville to East Hartford

RT 85 North to RT 82 West to RT 11 North to RT 2 West to Exit 5A (Main St.). Right at light onto Brewer St. to intersection with Forbes St. Left onto Forbes St. to East Hartford High School

—OR

I-395 North to RT 2 West to Exit 5A (Main St.). Right at light onto Brewer St. to intersection with Forbes St. Left onto Forbes St. to East Hartford High School

New London to Windham

RT 32 North to Frog Bridge, RT 66. Right over bridge, stay straight on Jackson St. to left on Valley St. Turn right onto High St. up hill to Windham High School

Groton City & Groton Town to Norwich

RT 12 North to RT 2A West to I-395 North to Exit 81 East (RT 2E) to RT 169 North (Harland Rd.). Right on Ox Hill Rd. to Three Rivers CC and Kelly Middle School.

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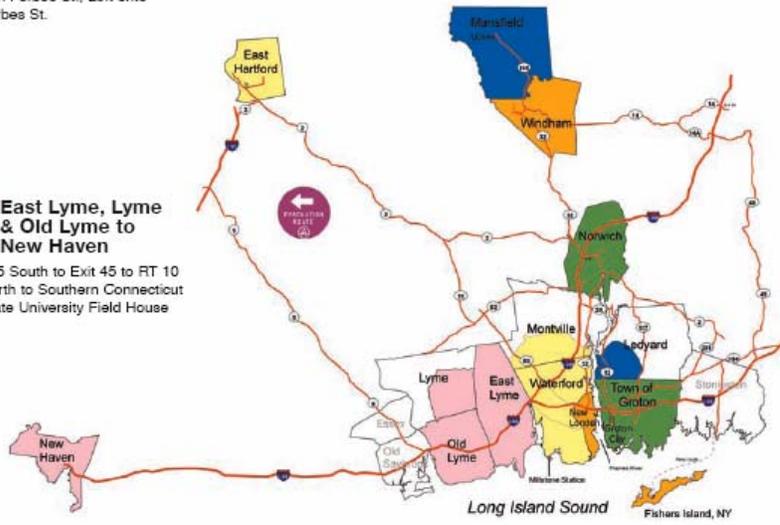
RT 349 North (CB Sharp Hwy) to I-95 North to RT 117 North to RT 2 West to RT 169 North (Harland Rd.). Right on Ox Hill Rd. Take next right onto Mahan Dr. to Three Rivers CC and Kelly Middle School.

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RT 184 East to RT 201 North to RT 2 West to RT 169 North (Harland Rd.). Right on Mahan Dr. to Three Rivers CC and Kelly Middle School

East Lyme, Lyme & Old Lyme to New Haven

I-95 South to Exit 45 to RT 10 North to Southern Connecticut State University Field House



Ledyard to UCONN

RT 12 North to RT 2A West to I-395 North to Exit 89. Take RT 14 West to 203 North to RT 14 West to RT 195 North to UCONN Field House

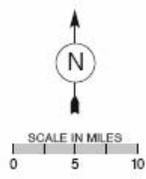
Fishers Island to Windham

To New London or Stonington Harbor, State provided bus transportation to Windham High School

Montville EPZ All areas south of Grassy Hill Rd., Chesterfield Rd., RT 163 and Depot Rd. to the Waterford and East Lyme town lines including those areas between Glendale Rd. and Chapel Hill Rd. in Oakdale Heights.

Lyme EPZ All areas East of RT 156 and South of Beaver Brook Rd.

Ledyard EPZ All areas South of Hurlbutt Rd., Whalehead Rd. and Sandy Hollow Rd. to RT 117.



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

East Lyme (860) 739-4434	Fishers Island (631) 765-2600
Groton City (860) 445-2451	Groton Town (860) 445-2000
Ledyard (860) 445-2000	Lyme (860) 434-7733
Montville (860) 848-1417	New London (860) 442-4444
Old Lyme (860) 434-1605 X212	Waterford (860) 442-9585

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