

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
January 15, 2009

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Herb Foy (Enfield OEM); Dan Thurston (American Legion); Don Janelle (Manchester); Dan Davis (Ellington OEM); Michael Berry (New Britain); Katherine McCormack (CR-MRC); Don Moore (Town of Bloomfield); Peter Kurtz (Southington Fire) ; Roy Piper (DEMHS); Joel Severance (Region 2); Sylvia Dake (Town of Andover); Ted Janelle (Southington Fire); Dagmar Noll (WINCOG); Paul Estefan (Danbury); Norma Peterson (Fairfield Citizen Corps); Tim Gamache (Bristol CERT); Daniel Dube (East Hartford Emergency Management); Beth Young (US Coast Guard Auxiliary); Steve Ackerman US Coast Guard Auxiliary); (Melon Wedick (CCRPA) Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. followed by pledge of allegiance and introductions of all present.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the December 18, 2008 meeting minutes was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Sylvia Dake. All in favor so voted.

Guest Speaker: Commander Beth Young, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and Commodore Steve Ackerman, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, addressed the group about becoming a part of Citizen Corps; and spoke of some of the many assets they would bring. Chairman Austin expressed high interest in having a working relationship with and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and will meet with Beth Young and Steve Ackerman in the near future.

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin referred the group to the Coordinating Council meeting minutes handout.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes were made to CERT Pending Training, In Training, CERT Trained, NET Trained, and Personnel Trained lists.
- ID Badge Machine: Chairman Austin reported the ID badge machine is not working;. once the machine is up and running, ID cards can be issued on the spot Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the West Hartford Fire Department, 95 Raymond Road, West Hartford, CT 06107. Parking will be validated.

New Business

- Background Checks: The group discussed the issue of background checks.

Other Business:

- Correspondence: Chairman Austin read correspondence received to the group:
- NET Program: Dan Thurston updated the group on the NET program. The books are being printed with an expected delivery sometime during March or April. The NET program is not CERT training but public awareness.
- Liability Issues: Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS Legal Council will attend the February 19, 2009 meeting to speak on liability issues.
- Shelter Liability: Shelter liability was discussed by the group.
- Statewide CERT Approved Funding: Documentation in the meeting minutes stating funds are approved is your authority.

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

A motion was made by Chairman Austin Seconded by Paul Estefan stating that for clarification purposes the Region One CCP authorized signature is Norma Petersen. All in favor so voted.

Category A:

- **Hartford 2A** – Approved for \$1950 for basic CERT training for 30 people.

A motion to approve this Category A request was made by Paul Estefan Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted

- **Enfield** – Approved for \$1,040 for basic CERT training for 16 people.
- **Bloomfield** – Approved for \$1,625 for basic CERT training for 25 people.
- **Bethel** – Approved for \$500 for basic CERT training of 30 people.
- **Ridgefield** – Approved for \$1430 for basic CERT training of 22 people

A motion to approve these Category A requests was made by Jim O’Leary Seconded by Paul Estefan. All in favor so voted

Category B:

- **Fairfield** – Approved for \$840 to create CERT brochures

A motion to approve the Category B request was made by Jim O’Leary Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

A motion to table the Orange Category B request was made by Paul Estefan Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

WINCOG - Approved for \$4,000

A motion to approve the Category C request was made by Norma Peterson Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. February 19, 2009.

Future meeting dates: March 19, 2009, April 16, 2009, May 21, 2009, June 18, 2009, July 23, 2009, August (no meeting), September 17, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009