

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
March 26, 2009

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Dan Thurston (American Legion); Don Janelle (Manchester); Katherine McCormack (CR-MRC); Joel Severance (Region 2); Sylvia Dake (Town of Andover); Ted Janelle (Southington Fire); Dagmar Noll (WINCOG); Art McLean (American Legion); Daniel Dube (East Hartford EM); Melon Wedick (CCRPA); David Hannon (Housatonic Region); Arnold Goldman (CREPC/RESF-11); Cheryl Assis (CRCOG); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); Pete Kurtz (Southington Fire); Michael Tonelli (CCRPA); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 February 19, 2009 meeting minutes with the following corrections was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted. **Corrections: Northeast CCC CERT restart was addressed by Jim Larkin, Asst. Director NECCOG, and Derek May, Director of Northeast CT MRC. Meeting date was February 19, 2009.**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Arnold Goldman, CREPC/RESF-11 addressed the group regarding Region 3 Regional CERT team activation responsibility which was discussed at length by the Council. Chairman Austin updated the group on procedure already in place and spoke about possible ways of strengthening these procedures.

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin gave an update of the March Coordinating Council meeting.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes to CERT Pending Training, In Training, CERT Trained, NET Trained, and Personnel Trained lists were made.
- Correspondence: Chairman Austin read correspondence received to the group.
- Certificate of Appreciation for CERT: Katherine McCormack reported that this item is almost complete.

New Business

- CERT Instructors: CERT instructors and participating teachers or trainers paid only for the hours they train; Lead instructors are paid for the course hours. This item was discussed at length by the group.
- National Conference on Community Preparedness: A motion for Chairman Austin to attend this conference was made by Katherine McCormack Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

- **WINCOG** – Approved for \$650 for basic CERT training for 10 people.
- **Litchfield Hills** – Approved for \$1,300 for basic CERT training for 20 people.
- **CT SART** - Approved for \$3,200 for basic CERT training for 50 people.
- **Ellington, Vernon, and Somers** – Approved for a total of \$1,600 for basic CERT training for 25 people.

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

Category B:

- **Southington CERT**– Approved for \$175.00 to purchase signs.
- **Niantic**– Approved for \$2,000 for operational equipment.
- **Andover CERT** – Approved for \$2,000 to purchase CERT jackets.
- **Windsor Locks CERT** - Approved for \$2,000 to purchase ID apparel and radios.
- **Farmington Woods CERT** – Approved for \$200 for literature.
- **Portland CERT** – Approved for \$2,000 for CPR training.

A motion to approve these Category B requests was made by Katherine McCormack Seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

- Litchfield Hills - Approved **subject to verification** for \$4,000

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

Special Category C Request

- **CRCOG** - Approved for \$8,000 (for a one year period) for providing administrative assistance to the Statewide Citizen Corps Council.

A motion to approve this Category C request was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Dan Dube. All in favor so voted.

Tabled Requests: Mohegan Sun, New London Fire Department.

Other Business:

- *Statewide Citizen Corps Council 2009 Annual Conference:* Chairman Austin announced the conference committee will meet 1:30 p.m. March 30, 2009, and gave an open invitation to anyone wishing to be a part of the conference committee.
- *Middletown Full Scale Shelter Exercise April 17:* Middletown will have a full scale exercise Friday, April 17, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. through to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, morning. Volunteers are needed, specifically controllers and evaluators. Persons interested should contact Dan Scafe at CRCOG.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. April 16, 2009

Future Meeting dates: 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