

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
June 18, 2009

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Roy Piper (DEMHS); Joel Severance (Region 2); Sylvia Dake (Town of Andover); Ted Janelle (Southington Fire); Art McLean (American Legion); Melon Wedick (CCRPA); Norma Peterson (Fairfield CERT); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); Michael Berry (New Britain Fire); Don Moor (Bloomfield CERT); Tom Gavaghan (DEMHS); Sharon Mazzochi (DEMHS); Rick Lynn (LHCEO); Peter Kurtz (Southington CERT); Dagmar Noll (WINCOG); Jim Larkin (NECCOG); Dan Thurston (American Legion); Kendra Riley (West Hartford); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. followed by pledge of allegiance and introductions of all present.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve May 21, 2009 meeting minutes was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Sharon Mazzochi. All in favor so voted.

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker

Visitor: Kendra Riley from the University of Hartford attended the meeting. Ms. Riley spoke to the group briefly about her interest in volunteerism.

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin referred the Council to the June 11, 2009 DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting minutes.

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/ Awards Recognition Program: Copies of the approved awards recognition program (inclusive of modifications) was handed out. Viola Heath will send out and electronic copy to everyone.
- Statewide Citizen Corps Council Conference Committee Update: Chairman Austin reported the conference committee is in the process of looking at several different conference locations and will meet again 1:30 p.m. June 22, in his office. An invitation was also made by Chairman Austin to anyone wanting to be a part of the conference to committee to attend the June 22 meeting.

New Business

- Citizen Corps 2009 Grant Award: Chairman Austin announced the 2009 Citizen Corps Grant award was \$209,367. We are currently spending the 2007 grant award.
- NET Program: Art McLean, American Legion, updated the group on the progress of the NET program. Mr. McLean stated that the introductory presentation in North Haven went well and that on Saturday, June 27, Dan Thurston, American Legion, will present the Net Program at the National Sheriff's Association All Hazards Community Partnership Training in Pomfret

• **CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:**

Category A:

- **Town of Naugatuck** – Approved for \$1,000 for basic CERT training for 20 people.
- **New Milford** – Approved for \$650 for basic CERT training.
- **CRCOG** – Approved for \$3,250 for basic CERT training awareness for 50 people.

A motion to approve the category A request was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Norma Peterson. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

- **Southbury**– Approved for \$1,759 to purchase radios.
- **Southington CERT** – Approved for \$1,234 to purchase ID apparel and radios.

A motion to approve these Category B requests was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Sharon Mazzochi. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

Northeastern Council of Governments \$4,000

CRCOG \$4,000

A motion to approve these Category C requests was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Sharon Mazzochi.

Category C:

CRERPA \$4,000

A motion to approve the CRERPA category C requests subject to receiving signed paperwork was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Dagmar Noll. All in favor so voted.

Suspense Removed:

None

Suspended Applications:

None

Other Business:

- **CERT Weekend:** CERT Weekend will be held September 26 and 27 at the Connecticut Fire Academy, Windsor Locks.
- **Sharon Mazzochi to Attend the National Citizen Corps Conference:** A motion was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Virginia Mason to approve expenses up to the amount of \$1,500 for Sharon Mazzochi to attend the Citizen Corps National Conference in Arlington, Virginia, August 9, through August 12. All in favor so voted.
- **Pending DEMHS Retirements:** The group spoke of pending DEMHS retirements and announced that the DEMHS retirement party will take place at the Aqua Turf on July 28.
- Norma Peterson gave an update on Sikorsky's interest in forming a CERT team.
- **Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. July 23, 2009**

Future Meeting dates: July 23, 2009, August (no meeting), September 17, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009