

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Chief State's Attorney's Office, Rocky Hill
February 8, 2007

ATTENDEES: Cheryl Assis, CRCOG; Leonard Boyle, DPS; Sandra Brown, Hartford Hosp.; Matt Bruns, CREPC; Carmine Centrella, CRCOG; Tom Davoren, DPS; Douglas Dortenzio, Wallingford; Mary Duley, DPH; Tom Flaherty, POSTC; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Libby Graham, DEMHS; Len Guercia, DPH; Betsy Hard, Bloomfield; William Higgins, CFPC; Steven Huleats, CREPC; Don Janelle, Manchester; Bob Kenny, DPH; Jennifer Kertanis, CAHD; Michael Maglione, Waterbury FD; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Jim Mona, DOT; Dan O'Brien, AMR; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Doug Pesce, DHS; JJ Plunkett, USCG; George Pohorilak, OSET; Joseph Portereiko, Hartford Hosp.; Susan Rainville, POSTC; Wayne Sandford, DEMHS; Steve Scorzato, CTNG; John Shaw, MMRS; Dan Stebbins, USAO; Scott Szalkiewicz, DPH; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Roy Walton, CTNG; Dan Warzoha, Greenwich; and Edward Wilds, DEP.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Meeting called to order by Deputy Commissioner Sandford at 0905 hours, and Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A. Motion made to accept the minutes of the January meeting by Doug Dortenzio; second by Mike Maglione; approved unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

None

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – No report available in the absence of Michael Varney and Bill Hackett.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Minutes of the January 25th meeting handed out by Cheryl Assis in Bill Austin's absence. No other report.
- C. Credentialing Committee – Reported on by Mary Duley in the absence of Mike Spera. At the February 6th meeting a commitment was made to meet every two weeks to build a platform with DOIT and OSET participation. A request was forwarded to the NIMS Integration Center to inquire about any requirements from the Federal level. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in March (3/6/07)

with conference calls in between to keep up momentum. Deputy Commissioner Sandford offered the use of the DEMHS Conference Call System if needed by the subcommittee, and advised the group that Maine has voted to reject the REAL ID Act.

- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Deputy Commissioner Sandford reported in the absence of Jeff Morrissette. The last meeting was cancelled due to a sparse agenda. On February 19th and 20th, DC Sandford and Bob Kenny of DPH will attend the NIMS Integration Meeting for Regions 1 & 2 in Albany NY. He advised that many IS 300 and IS 400 courses are available around the state through the CT Commission on Fire Prevention web site.
- E. Incident Management Teams – Tim Baldwin reported via email that the IMT committee is in the process of putting a informational presentation together for dept heads, chief elected officials and interested parties on Incident Management Teams and the guidelines established by the committee.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Deputy Commissioner Sandford reminded that a new sub-committee was formed to provide ways to give educational opportunities to day care and in-home day care centers. A Statewide seminars being looked into possibly for September geared at educations professionals regarding school safety.
- G. Mutual Aid Legislative Subcommittee – Chief Betsy Hard advised that the legislation will go to the Public Safety Committee on Wednesday. The committee is working on garnering support for the bill.
- H. Regional Collaboration Committee – Libby Graham advised that the committee met at the end of January to review the Draft Regionalization Emergency Support Plan. DEMHS was asked to further define what was meant by Regionalization. Revisions to the draft plan are being made and it will articulate the role of Chief Elected Officials in requesting aid. Also included will be language that advocates the use of NIMS terminology so all will proceed using the same terms. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2007 at Brainard at 1pm.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Mike Maglione, second by Jim Mona, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program – presented by Libby Graham:

FFY2003

Continuing to spend remaining dollars.

FFY2004

97% obligated/spent

FFY2005

86% obligated/spent. An extension of the grant deadline until 3-31-08 was released by DHS for the entire Nation. DOIT has announced the release of the Emergency Notification Contract so purchasing can begin. The Interoperable

Communications Committee is moving forward with the purchase of the STOC's boxes for distribution.

FFY2006

The new deadline for grant applications to be received from the local/regional entities is March 30, 2007. Money from any municipality/region who chooses not to participate will be re-allocated.

Transit Grant

CT continues to wait, along with NY and NJ for DHS response to FFY2006 project plans, which include proposals to establish CCTV on moveable bridges and select railroad stations, and enhanced interoperable communications along the rail corridor from Greenwich to New Haven. Planning for the FFY2007 Transit Grant has begun. Continued focus on regional projects, along with enhancements to current efforts is expected.

Port Security – DEMHS will join US Coast Guard in briefings for eligible ports on FFY2007 funding. Grant applications are due 3/4/07.

FFY2007

Connecticut's grant application is due 3/4/07. DEMHS is hosting a series of meetings for Working Group members (a subset of the EMHSCC) to discuss possible enhancements to current initiatives. The Working Group has identified additional strengths and weakness that will be addressed in the FFY2007 grant proposal. Sustainment of current efforts will also be addressed. The FFY2007 grant guidance establishes a funding cap, which will limit the growth of CT's grant application. A draft application will be presented to the EMHSCC at its next meeting.

- B. CTIC – Deputy Commissioner Sandford advised that he had attended a seminar in New Mexico and the subject of the London bombings came up. The presenter, a Mr. Boyle from Washington State, mentioned that Connecticut was far ahead of the rest of the Country in its Intelligence sharing capability.
The Deputy Commissioner took a moment to thank Commissioner Leonard Boyle, DPS, for his support with the CTIC and expressed a deep debt of gratitude for all his hard work. Commissioner Boyle, stating that this would be the last meeting he would attend, thanked all for welcoming him and for the work the entire group does. He thanked Commissioner Thomas for his efforts in bringing the group together and introduced Colonel Tom Davoren, who replaces retired Colonel Ed Lynch, to the group.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Bob DiPietro was unable to attend the meeting and sent his report, which was included in the agenda packet handed out at the beginning of the meeting.
- D. Other – Deputy Commissioner Sandford reported on a visit from FEMA Region 1 on Tuesday, where they have giving DEMHS a list of things they would like to

see worked on in the next year, to include evacuation planning, mass casualty sheltering, search and rescue, power critical infrastructure, a fuel strategy, etc.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Deputy Commissioner Sandford advised that all appointment to the Coordinating Council will expire on June 30, 2007, at which time members will need to be re-appointed or replaced. DEMHS will be contacting those individuals who need to do the appointments to be sure they know this is required of them. Until re-appointed or replaced all current appointees will continue on the committee.

B. A maintenance program is being implemented by DEMHS to cover the Decontamination trailers and another to cover the metering packages that have been purchased using HLS grant funds. The first meters to be collected will be the ADP 2000's and the others will then follow.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. CCM Conference – May 1, 2007, Cromwell CT.

B. Jim O'Leary advised that the Northwest Task Force has purchased the Salamander Credentialing System and is beginning to roll out the system.

C. Len Guercia advised that on March 16, 2007 Colin Smart will begin training for instructors on triage, with 30 people in the group. Further classes will be held in Spring.

D. The President's budget is showing a 60% reduction in HLS funding and a 40% reduction in LETPP funding with the Medical Block Grant completely eliminated.

E. The Governor's Budget has a provision calling for the return of many of the troopers working for DEMHS back to DPS. More research will be done to see what this will mean for DEMHS.

X. PRESENTATION

“Project Public Health Ready: A Potential Readiness Process and Model for CT” by Steve Huleatt, Director, West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District and Jennifer Kertanis, Executive Director, CT Association of Directors of Health , Inc.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Dan O'Brien; second by Betsy Hard; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1038 hours by Deputy Commissioner Sandford.

XI. NEXT MEETING – March 8, 2007 at 9am, at the Chief State's Attorney's Office, Rocky Hill.