

**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY
COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
December 9, 2010

ATTENDEES: Tim Baldwin, Southbury; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Peter Boynton, DEMHS; David Brown, DEMHS; Sandra Brown, Hart. Hosp.; Harold Decker, DOT; Bob Drozynski, DEMHS; Susan Dubb, DEMHS; Tom Flaherty, POSTC; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Libby Graham, DEMHS; Len Guercia, DPH; John Gustafson, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Don Janelle, Manchester; Melanie Kerr, Judicial; Maryann Lexius, Manchester; Mike Maglione, Waterbury; Gene Mascolo, CTNG; Katherine McCormack, Hartford; Jeff Morrissette, CFPC; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Doug Pesce, DHS; Robert Ross, DPS; Jay Salvador, ARC; Richard Schmid, TSA; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; John Shaw, MMRS; Michael Spera, Old Saybrook; Gary Stango, New Haven; Dan Stebbins, USAO; Rita Stewart, DEMHS; James Thomas, DPS; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Brian Toolan, US&R; and Ed Wilds, DEP. Guest: Craig Gilbert, FEMA Region1.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Boynton at 0901 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Welcome to newest Coordinating Council member Chief Thomas Flaherty of POSTC by Commissioner Boynton. Introduction of Craig Gilbert from FEMA Region 1.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting by Harold Decker; seconded by Len Guercia; approved with abstentions by James Thomas and Tom Flaherty.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

A. None.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – reported on by John Gustafson in the absence of Michael Varney. The re-banding of the ITAC/ICALL radios is in process with DPS directing the project.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – No report in the absence of Bill Austin.
- C. Credentialing Committee – No report in the absence of Don Moore.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrissette advised that the next meeting will be in January. Bill Hackett reported that a meeting was held in Kent CT with newly appointed representatives where the requirements and legal issues of NIMS compliance were discussed. Bill is suggesting that a meeting is needed with the Fire and Police Academy's to reinforce and explain the NIMS requirements to the many new people around the State, along with an Advisory Bulletin from Commissioner Boynton. The Council agreed.
- E. Incident Management Team – Tim Baldwin reported that the document will have a legal and substantive review by DEMHS and will be ready for action by the Council at the January meeting. See attached summary sheet. Also, several team representatives are at the IMT Conference in Denver, CO this week. Dave Brown advised that Region 2 IMT has completed its training and all have passed. Gary Stango commented on the wonderful job all the Teams are and have been doing.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Bill Hackett advised that although there has been no meeting since the last report, he and others did meet with Save the Children on December 1st and the plan is to integrate their plan into the second edition of the State plan.
- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – Libby Graham reported that the next meeting will be held on Jan. 20, 2011. Grant related work is ongoing and work continues on streamlining the 2010 Regional grant application process.

- Mass Care Working Group – Jay Salvatore reported that the group has expanded to include members from ESF's 6, 13 & 19 from each region.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Committee – Len Guercia reported that the Team Leaders will meet on Dec. 15th. Steve Allen will kick off a collaborative effort between the MRC and NEDTC with 6 trainings upcoming in the next few months.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Richard Schmid reported that Brian Koval, TSA Liaison to CTIC, has accepted a DOD position. The new liaison to CTIC will be Marc Housley. A full schedule of VIPR's will take place in December and January. The concern is moving towards domestic threats and the committee will continue to raise awareness of all transportation employees. Also looking at the potential use of Everbridge for notification of transportation issues.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Len Guercia advised that they will sponsor a beta test of a smart triage online training system. CT will host the Train-the-Trainer, which will last for two days, whose goal is to provide licenses for 1st responders. Rollout should be this summer if the testing goes well. See attached document for report.
- K. Public/Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown advised that next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at 25 Sigourney Street. She also wished to thank Rita Stewart for the help with the end of year reporting.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Maryann Lexius, seconded by Ed Wilds, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program/Statewide Strategy – Reported on by Libby Graham.
 1. Libby Introduced Susan Dubb and Bob Drozynski, two new employees of the grants unit filling vacancies that have existed for quite some time.
 2. Rita Stewart gave the quarterly update on the Statewide Strategy. Please see attached document. These are measurable milestones that help support our funding requests for grant monies.
 3. Internal meeting are being held in anticipation of the 2010 grant cycle. The working group will be convened soon.
 4. Generator Grant update. See attached map.
 5. Regional Catastrophic Grant newsletter was released. This group works on strategic planning and includes the 4 states in the NYC metro area.
 6. January training is planned to help EMD's understand the data needed for disaster assistance. DR1094 paid out \$17,456,943 as of December 1st. This includes \$4million to 4200 residents for Individual Assistance and \$6.3 million in SBA loans.
- B. CTIC – Reported on by Betsy Hard.
 1. Sgt. Mike Kostrzewa of the CSP is the new Sgt for the Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit. He is completing a historical look at all the assessment the unit has completed to date.
 2. CTIC continues to build a foundation of systems. Two new Intelligence Analysts have been hired and a third employment opportunity is currently listed on the DAS website.
 3. The Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) program for State Agencies is in process. Their preliminary role will be to assist in developing educational products for their disciplines.
 4. The Privacy and Civil Liberties Policy was approved by DHS last week and the unit will be trained by the end of December.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Reported on by Brian Toolan. See attached report.
- D. Legislation – Reported on by Brenda Bergeron in the absence of Scott Devico. Work continues on transition issues.
- E. Hurricane Preparation – Reported on by Bill Hackett.
 1. Weekly Hurricane Preparation training for DEMHS employees continues along with additional ICS training.

2. Looking at holding the Hurricane Preparedness Conference and the CCM Conference on the same day, same location.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Three phase question from Michael Spera. 1) What is being done for the transition to the new Governor?
A) All state agencies have been asked to provide a briefing book; Transition Committee has been formed and there is a contact identified for DEMHS; Commissioner Thomas advised that Tim Bannon (Governor-elect Chief of Staff) knows the importance of all the Public Safety Agencies and is committed to meeting with all soon. 2) Is there anything the Coordinating Council should be doing to help? A) Do what you can to reinforce the issues during the transition. 3) There is the potential for many changes since so many council members are appointed. Does the council have a plan if many changes in personnel occur? A) Commissioner Thomas advised that the Governor has until March 30th to make a decision on Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner resignations. There will also be many meetings to transition new people into their positions. These should be well thought out and coordinated changes. Commissioner Boynton added that we will convene additional meetings if they are warranted. Len Guercia advised that the Coordinating Council has been good at COOP and there are several layers of people who have participated in the Coordinating Council meetings and can carry on if need be.
- B. TSA – Security Steering Committee would like to be on the agenda to brief a document on Port Security. Advised for January or February meeting.
- C. Tom Flaherty will be working with DEMHS to get additional training for police officers.
- D. The Millstone federally Evaluated Exercise was a success. The report is due December 12th. This was a great partnership with DEP.
- E. Jeff Morrissette advised that the Fire Academy Training calendar for 2011 is now online. Also, he will get information on West Point training and forward it to DEMHS.
- F. Gary Stango advised that a good job has been done by all and wished everyone a safe and health holiday season.
- G. Bill Palomba reported that the DPUC final report regarding the performance of utilities during the severe weather in March is complete. DPUC agreed with the recommendations of the consultant.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. InfraGard - Cargo Summit – December 16 - Travelers Claim University, Windsor, CT
- B. State Furlough Day –December 27, 2010
- C. FEMA/Water Environment Federation Water Sector Interdependencies Training – Jan. 18-19, 2011, New Haven Fire Academy
- D. State Agency Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan Update – January 19, 2011
- E. ARCEX 2011, Statewide Full Scale Exercise, ARC and partners – June 1-4, 2011

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Michael Spera; seconded by Len Guercia; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1020 hours.

XII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, January 13, 2011 – Chief State’s Attorney’s Office, Rocky Hill, CT

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CONNECTICUT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE
CT-TF1



Current Operational Status of CT-TF1 - DEPLOYABLE

December 9, 2010

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

News:

- December 4, 2010 was a full team deployment drill to the New England Disaster Training Center at Camp Hartell in Windsor Locks. Focus of the drill was a collapsed building, utilizing the newly constructed "fun house". Task Force Members worked an entire 8 hour operation period to locate and rescue the 5 victims buried inside the prop.
- January 8, 2011 and February 5, 2011 training will focus on the 16 hour Incident Safety Officer course. January 5, 2011 and February 2, 2011 will focus on Railcar rescue and rescuer safety. The class will focus on the areas of concerns when performing a rescue on a Train.
- The Technical Search course will be held on March 7-11 and will be a 40 hour course designed to certify members in the use of the Search cams and the DelSar listening device. We are waiting to receive FEMA equivalency certification for this course.

Presentations:

- None scheduled for November/December 2010

Future Items:

- Assessment of Cache – We have identified equipment nearing shelf life and are waiting for an available funding source to begin replacement.
- Planning for a 24 hour deployment drill in April 2011
- Assessment of upcoming training needs – Task Force members are strongly requesting the Swift Water Rescue course.

To Request the Activation of CT Urban Search and Rescue call:

CT Public Safety Message Center
1-800-842-0200
Or
DEMHS at 860-566-3180
24/7 Duty Officer Pager at 860-708-0821

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



To: DEMHS Coordinating Council
From: Public Health Preparedness Sub Committee
Date: December 9th, 2010

Nursing Home Strike Update

DPH continues to monitor patient care and services at 4 facilities that are currently affected by strikes by staff. DPH continues site visits to these facilities.

HHS Hospital Preparedness Program

Local Health Admin (LHAB) continues to train Local Health Department staff and Hospital Staff on the WebEOC boards.

EMS Preparedness

Wrap up of EMS-Instructor 'new' curriculum
Monitoring of testing process
Polling of EMS Organizations not submitting electronic data to bring them into compliance
Trauma data review w/Life Star
Reassignment of work due to loss of staff

Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness

DPH working with UCONN Health Center on future SNS deployment

CDC/Local Health Preparedness/WebEOC

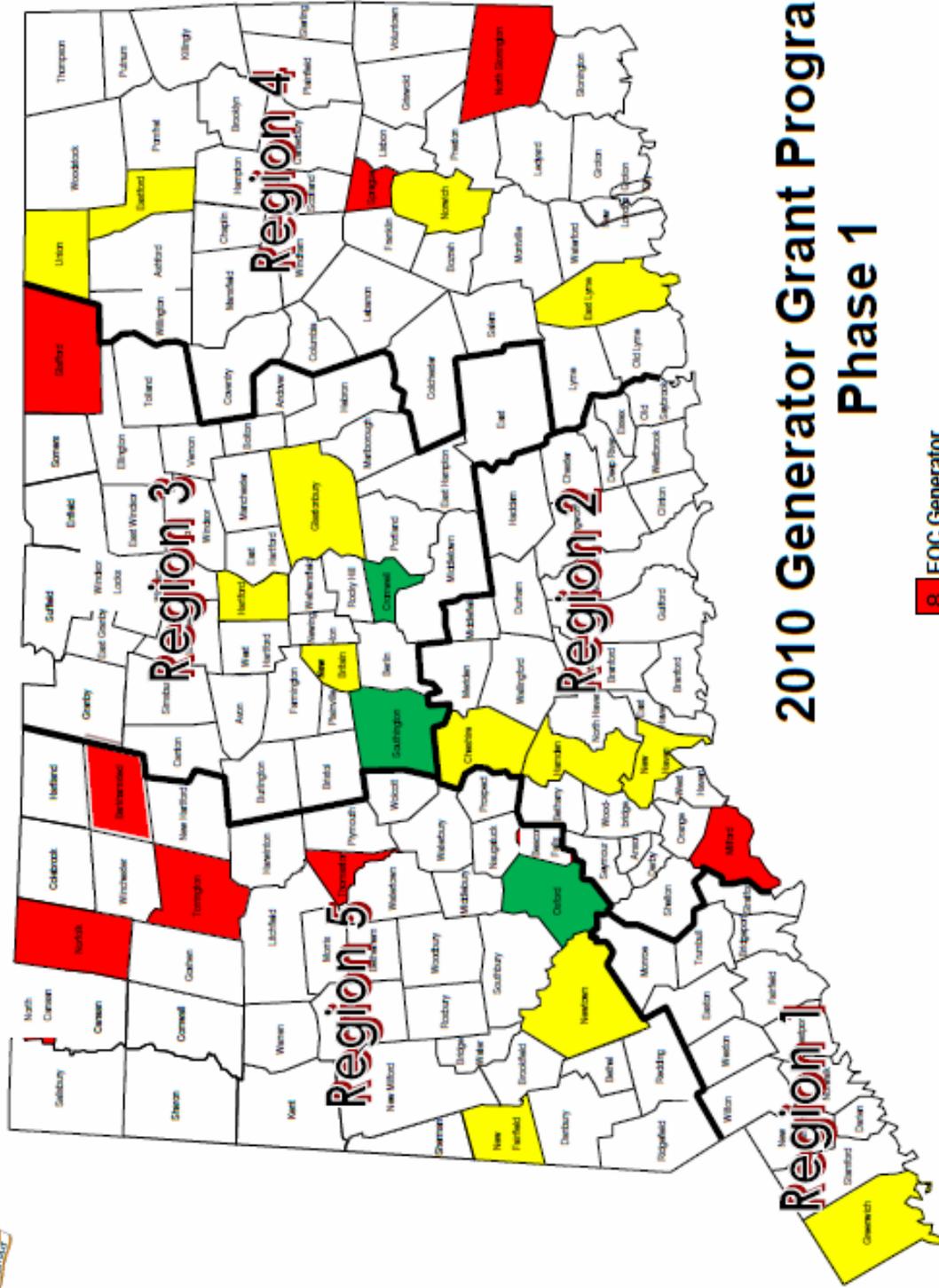
Train CT - presentation attached Kristin Sullivan presented
Health Alert Network (HAN) Maven training continues to take place.
LHAB expanded number of people and lists on Everbridge.
Train CT - presentation provided to PHP Advisory Committee which met October 28th; purpose of the Committee, public health preparedness infrastructure, target capabilities and data available from TRAINCT were discussed. The Advisory Committee's report to the Governor and Legislature is due January 1, 2011.

New England Disaster Training Center

Austere Environment Training program for Physicians slated for early December 10 and 11, 2010



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2010 Generator Grant Program
Phase 1

- 8 EOC Generator
- 13 Shelter Generator
- 3 Combined EOC / Shelter

December 9, 2010

Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

2010-2015 STATE-WIDE STRATEGY

Sept 30, 2010 Status Update

June 30, 2010		Sept. 30, 2010	
Status	%	Status	%
P	64	P	72
P	68	P	72
P	61	P	66
P	96	P	96
P	40	P	45
P	38	P	39
P	55	P	57
P	82	P	91
P	67	P	71
P	72	P	74

- 1 Strengthen the capabilities of emergency responders in identifying and responding to an all-hazards incident
- 2 Strengthen local, regional and state incident response and contingency plans for all-hazards events
- 3 Improve critical incident management and response through the implementation and use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- 4 Secure each town's leadership commitment and adequate sustainable funding for emergency management and homeland security capabilities
- 5 Enhance a statewide telecommunications infrastructure and protocol that will allow for timely, efficient and cost effective communications
- 6 Enhance public safety through hardening of critical infrastructure sectors
- 7 Maintain and Enhance the State's training program for all-hazards preparedness
- 8 Strengthen information collection, analysis and sharing systems to prevent and mitigate terrorism incidents
- 9 Strengthen the State's resiliency through coordination with response and recovery partners
- 10 Engage the general public, educational systems, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and private sector in all-hazards prevention, planning, response and recovery

64%

Overall % achieved toward Goals

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in progress