

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT  
**March 10, 2011**

**ATTENDEES:** Peter Boynton, DEMHS; Sandra Brown, Hart. Hosp.; Harold Decker, DOT; Doug Dortenzio, Wallingford; Charles Drda, DOT; Mary Duley, DPH; Len Guercia, DPH; William Hackett, DEMHS; William Higgins, CFPC; Al Hoffman, USCG; Don Janelle, Manchester; Jim Kenny, Vernon; Melanie Kerr, Judicial; Ted LeMay, POSTC; Maryann Lexius, Manchester; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Katherine McCormack, Hartford; Mike Nearing, SSU; Todd Nichols, DHS; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Ray Philbrick, DPW; Dave Rodriguez, TSA; Luis Rosa, CTIC; Gary Ruggiero, DEMHS; Jay Salvatore, ARC; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; John Shaw, MMRS; Michael Spera, Old Saybrook; Gary Stango, New Haven; Dan Stebbins, DPS; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Brian Toolan, US&R; Joseph Vojvodich, USCG and Rob Ware, CTNG. Visitors – Albie Lewis, FEMA, and Reuben Bradford, DPS.

**I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Boynton at 0902 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A. Introduction of Reuben Bradford, Commissioner of DPS and Albie Lewis, FEMA Federal Coordination officer for DR1958.

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting by Gary Stango; seconded by Doug Dortenzio; unanimously approved.

**IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT**

A. Next month's Coordinating Council Meeting - Scott Appleby, Joseph Gaudette and Denis McCarthy will present an overview of the TEEEX training they attended last week.

**V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Interoperability Committee – reported on by Bill Hackett. Items included: State has received comments of the SCIP from the feds and is in the process of review; working in conjunction with DPS and NY/NJ transit partners to secure \$1.2 million to extend the transit Security Radio System to the Waterbury and New Canaan lines; The first investment justification for the PSIC grant has been completed with installation of a controller using the CSP radio system, which will be tested in Region 1; Investment justification #2- a vendor has been chosen to build the six Field Command Units.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – No report in the absence of Bill Austin.
- C. Credentialing Committee – Don Janelle advised that the group has not met since the last Coordinating Council meeting.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – No report in the absence of Jeff Morrissette.
- E. Incident Management Team – Don Janelle reported that Commissioner Boynton has signed off on the IMT plan. Also 8-10 members will be deployed to Texas to shadow their team members for the current wildfires.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Bill Hackett advised that the last scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Subcommittee is working on enhancing CT's emergency preparedness along with the Save the Children contractors.
- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – Jay Salvatore advised that the next meeting will be Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Mass Care Working Group – Brenda Bergeron has been named as the new co-chair of this subcommittee.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Committee – Mary Duley reported that the group has moved to a quarterly meeting schedule for 2011 with a roundtable held in Wallingford on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; The five MRC leads remain the same and have 3 yr commitments in place; The Greenwich Health System is looking at MRC recognition for Region 1. The MRC Special Project Grant has been applied for; There have been multiple MRC activation requests over the winter and some still continue to be received; DPH has received a 3 yr grant to support MRC interdisciplinary training and integration.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Dave Rodriguez advised that the next meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Maryann Lexius advised that the next meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. They are awaiting CDC documents on public opportunities; the newly appointed Commissioner will be in attendance at the next meeting.
- K. Public/Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown advised that the next meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> with a focus on Cyber Security.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Michael Spera, seconded by Jim O’Leary, unanimously approved.

## **VI. UPDATES**

- A. Grant Program/Statewide Strategy – No report in the absence of Rita Stewart.
- B. CTIC – Reported on by Luis Rosa.
  1. The Intelligence Liaison Officer Conference will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Rentschler Field.
  2. Sgt. Andy Weaver of the Hartford PD will be leaving as the Capitol Region RILO and is being replaced by Steven Citta, also of Hartford PD.
  3. The National Fusion Center Conference is taking place next week in Denver, CO and will be attended by representatives from DEMHS and the regions.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Reported on by Brian Toolan.
  1. See attached report.
- D. Legislation – No report in the absence of Scott Devico.
- E. Hurricane (Snow) Preparation – Reported on by Bill Hackett.
  1. As of March 8<sup>th</sup> \$18,374,773 has been given out for Declaration #1904 composed of monies for Individual Assistance (IA), Public Assistance (PA) and Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.
  2. Forty-seven SBA applications for a total of \$48,000 have been received for the Bridgeport tornado event.
  3. DR1958 has been granted for the January 11-12<sup>th</sup> Snow Event and includes six counties, with Middlesex and Windham counties still under consideration pending reviewed snow fall totals.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. None

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Port Centric Con Ops Presentation by Capt. Joseph Vojvodich and Al Hoffman, U.S.C.G.

## **IX. ROUNDTABLE**

- A. Dave Rodriguez – Fifty-two VIPR’s were conducted throughout the State last year. At least 15 per month have been conducted this year. All of Shoreline East and the entire Hartford rail line has been done in addition to bus, airport, and ferry VIPR’s. Upcoming Maritime VIPR’s include New London and Bridgeport/Port Jeff.
- B. Doug Dortenzio – Congratulations to Commissioner Boynton on his appointment. The question was asked regarding consolidation. It is still pending, and the next step will be in the Legislature.

- C. Jim Kenny – The Capitol Region Police Chiefs are working towards more codified tactics for response to emergency incidents.
- D. Michael Spera – CEMA asks that whatever the consolidation outcome, consideration be given to them to be at the table for high level discussions during the planning phases.
- E. Mary Duley – NEMA webcast discussion on the use of the EMAC system (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) by public health and medical personnel (ESF-8). The NEMA Webcast is now available on the EMAC website. Just go to the EMAC homepage, and look under “News and Events.” The first item provides links to both the video and the slides. <http://www.emacweb.org>
- F. Peter Boynton – DPUC will be holding a meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> with DHS and PSA unit in attendance regarding Cyber Security threats and FOI.

## **X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Annual NEMA Conference – March 19-25, 2011 – Washington DC
- B. Safe the Children: Briefing on Children & Disasters – March 22, 2011, WebEx presentation w/ audio conf.
- C. STEP Train-the Trainer – March 28, 2011, Brainard
- D. Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - April 5, 12, 19, 2011 Enfield CT
- 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 Gary Stango; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1009 hours.

## **XII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, April 14, 2011 – Chief State’s Attorney’s Office, Rocky Hill, CT**

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**CONNECTICUT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**  
**CT-TF1**



**Current Operational Status of CT-TF1 - DEPLOYABLE**

March 10, 2011

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

**News:**

- Three members of the Task Force have been requested to begin preparations for Swift Water Rescue training. Currently they are in the process of developing pre-requisites for members who would like to participate in this training. They will then focus on developing procedures for swift water response. These procedures will be submitted to the DEMHS Emergency Management Director for review and approval through the office of the Commissioner. Following the approval of procedures, the appropriate PPE must be selected and procured and finally a vendor chosen to provide the hands on training.
- The Task Force has received new uniforms to replace the old blue BDU uniforms that were purchased 8 years ago. The new uniform is a grey long sleeve T-shirt and sweatshirt and black BDU tactical pants. Uniforms will be issued in April 2011.
- Equipment inventory has been completed to determine any equipment with expiration dates and overall status of the equipment. This was also completed to assist in the preparation of the next fiscal year's budget.
- The Task Force will be participating in the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's day parade on Sunday March 13, 2011.

**Training:**

- April Training – Core refreshers and respirator fit testing
- May Training – Trench rescue training in Meriden
- June Training – Rope and Tension High Line

**Presentations:**

- Plainville CT – March 7, 2011
- Bethany Fire I & II March 27, 2011

**Future Items:**

- Development of an equipment replacement and upgrade plan for Task Force equipment that is approaching ten years of use.

**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

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## **Statewide MRC Advisory Committee Report to the DEMHS Coordinating Council 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The State Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Advisory Committee meeting has changed to a quarterly schedule beginning in 2011. The first meeting of 2011 was an MRC Roundtable for the State MRC Leadership held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the CT Hospital Association in Wallingford.

The five (5) regional MRC leads remain the same. Three year capacity building contracts are in place and they continue to receive support from both DPH and DEMHS.

Greenwich Health Dept. is in the process of applying to receive federal recognition as a Medical Reserve Corps unit. They have been working with other Region 1 MRC unit leaders, attended regional MRC meetings and attended the February 3<sup>rd</sup> MRC roundtable for MRC leaders.

Additional MRC Funding opportunities: CT applied to NACCHO for an MRC Special Project Award the beginning of March. Announcement of award expected on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Multiple requests for MRC activations over the winter, for shelter support, flu clinics and disaster management exercise and mock triage exercise to name a few.

As mentioned in one of my last reports to the CC DPH received a three year grant in September of 2010 to support MRC integration into the state based volunteer registry and to promote interdisciplinary training and exercising, in some instances utilizing the NEDTC. The grant is also supporting a MRC Program Liaison, who works in the Stratford HD, and coordinated activities statewide with the other MRC unit leaders and works directly with myself and the EMS Preparedness Coordinator at DPH who is also providing support to the MRC Program.

A copy of this report will be submitted to DEMHS for inclusion with this meeting's minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Grace Duley, MA, RN, State MRC Coordinator