

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
April 14, 2011

ATTENDEES: Scott Appleby, Bridgeport; Cheryl Assis, CRCOG; Bill Austin, CREPC; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Peter Boynton, DEMHS; Sandra Brown, Hart. Hosp.; Harold Decker, DOT; Scott Devico, DEMHS; Doug Dortenzio, Wallingford; Mary Duley, DPH; Joe Gaudett, Bridgeport; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Len Guercia, DPH; John Gustafson, DEMHS; Tessa Gutowski, DEP; William Hackett, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Bob Kenny, DEMHS; Melanie Kerr, Judicial; Maryann Lexius, Manchester; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Dennis McCarthy, Norwalk; Jeff Morrisette, CFPC; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Doug Pesce, DHS; Ray Philbrick, DPW; Gary Ruggiero, DEMHS; Jay Salvatore, ARC; Anthony Schirillo, DPS; Richard Schmid, TSA; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; Gary Stango, New Haven; Dan Stebbins, DPS; Rita Stewart, DEMHS; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Brian Toolan, US&R; Michael Varney, DOIT; Robert Ware, CTNG; Dan Warzoha, Greenwich and Ed Wilds, DEP.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Boynton at 0903 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. None.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

A. Bill Hackett advised that Presidential Directive No. 8 regarding Preparedness has been released and is posted on the DEMHS website.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – reported on by Michael Varney. Items included: PSIC grant – they are in the final stages of executing the PO for the six Communications Vehicles (one for each region and one for the State); Information on narrow banding will be going out and 5 workshops will be facilitated around the state on this issue; the D-Block 700 MHz project for Public Safety use is moving forward in Washington; the Regional Emergency Communication Working Group met late last month in Massachusetts with all the Region 1 partners; and Transit Security Grant – CT was able to secure \$1.2 million in funding to extend the communications program up the New Canaan, Danbury, and Waterbury rail lines. This project should be completed in early fall.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Bill Austin advised 3625 are now trained and the numbers may reach 4,000 by the end of this year. A new Train-the-Trainer program will be given on May 9th and 16th. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th. Reminder that the Citizen Corps Conference will be held on Sept. 6-7, 2011.
- C. Credentialing Committee – No report in the absence of Don Moore.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrisette advised that the next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2011 at 1:30 pm, location to be determined.
- E. Incident Management Team – Bill Austin reported that IMT 3 deployed to West Texas to help with the brushfires. The team was there for 6 days and it proved to be a valuable learning experience. The team posted information from the deployment on the www.ahimta.org website if anyone wishes to learn more.

- 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 – Rita Stewart reported that the last meeting was held on March 14 when the generator grant was discussed. It was the consensus of the group to keep the additional finding in the regions. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th.
 - Mass Care Working Group – Brenda Bergeron reported that the next meeting will be held on May 9th and all ESF 6 chairs will report on how they function. The group's next project will be resource typing.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Committee – Mary Duley reported that the Greenwich Health Dept. has been recognized as a MRC. Currently looking to secure funding for a team to go to Oregon for training on Mass Dispensing which will be shared with the other teams upon their return. The MRC Special Project Grant has been awarded.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Rich Schmid advised that the next meeting will be held on May 5, 2011 at 10am, DOT in Newington.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Maryann Lexius reported that the quarterly meeting will be held next week; work on target capabilities for CDC is continuing. An assessment to identify gaps is being done and the plan is to align with the CDC guidance.
- K. Public/Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown advised that the group met on April 12th when Mark Reynolds of DOIT presented on Cyber-Security. Two action items in process: 1) develop a resource for businesses with emergency First Responder contact information and other numbers for the first 72 hours after a disaster. Currently exploring best practices; and 2) form collaboration with the Small Center Commission Advisory Board to assist with the development of emergency plans. Next meeting will be held in July.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Ed Wilds, seconded by Doug Dortenzio, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program/Statewide Strategy – Rita Stewart reported the following:
 1. FY11 guidance is expected to be released soon.
 2. Phase 2 of the Generator Grant Program- 13 application approved for a total of \$1,013,000.
 3. Discuss statewide strategy – see attached.
 4. Cash advances discussed at the last RPO meeting. Will work with RPO's to work within FEMA guidelines.
- B. CTIC – Reported on by Peter Boynton.
 1. Commissioner Boynton attended the National Conference for Homeland Security Advisors (HSA) sponsored by the National Governor's Association. Due to the large turnover because of elections there are 29 new HAS's across the nation. Highlights included updates, support and security briefings.
 2. State Agency Intelligence Liaison Officer (SAILO) Meet & Greet will take place on April 18th with a training being conducted on May 5th for new liaison officers.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Reported on by Brian Toolan.
 1. See attached report.
- D. Legislation – Scott Devico advised that the Legislature is working on the budget; Commissioner Boynton was confirmed on April 13th; the "See Something...Say Something" commercials are running with two new commercials set to be released. Also on radio, billboard and poster.
- E. Hurricane (Snow) Preparation – Reported on by Bill Hackett.
 1. DR1904 - \$18,000,500 in funding released.
 2. Bridgeport Tornado – 47 applications received and \$47,000 released so far.
 3. DR1958 – FEMA is still working at DEMHS and has held 6 applicant briefings across the state. The appeal for Middlesex and Windham Counties has been sent to the President by Governor Malloy.

4. Deadline for information from Towns regarding the March 7th flooding event is April 15th. Will look to apply for SBA loans if the state does not meet qualification thresholds.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. TEEEX Jurisdictional Crisis Management Incident Command Post Training Briefing - Scott Appleby, Joe Gaudett, and Denis McCarthy.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Colonel Dan Stebbins – currently working on 10% reduction and consolidation planning in the event they are required.
- B. Bob Palomba – Technical meeting was held on March 25th and deadline for interrogatories is April 13th. DPUC will then correlate responses.
- C. Bill Austin – Urban Area Working Group for Region 3 will discuss if the need exists to increase the stipend for overtime/backfill during training from \$200.
- D. Virginia Mason – thanked the Commissioner and DEMHS for the quick response to the concerns of the RPO's.
- E. Sandra Brown – Region 3 will hold a functional exercise for ESF 8 on June 18th with all hospitals in the region participating.
- F. Michael Varney – DOIT held their biennial full scale exercise at the end of March which was highly successful. All Public Safety data networks were tested.
- G. Gary Ruggiero – Region 5 will hold a large scale exercise, Operation Gridlock, and 14 EOC's will be participating. A Tri-State tabletop will be held on May 12th.
- H. Dan Warzoha – Region 1 UASI 700 MHz communications sustainment and governance plans were approved.
- I. Doug Pesce – Senate Committee on Homeland Security received direct feedback.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) - April 5, 12, & 19, 2011, Enfield
- B. CCM/DEMHS/DPH Emergency Management Symposium – May 3, 2011 – Cromwell
- C. 2011 New CERT Train the Trainer (2 day course) – May 9 & 16, 2011 – Brainard
- D. Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula, Train-the-Trainer – May 23-26, 2011, New Haven
- E. ARCEX 2011, Statewide Full Scale Exercise, ARC and partners – June 1-4, 2011
- F. Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) – June 8, 15, & 22, 2011, Woodbridge
- G. Citizen Corps Conference – September 6-7, 2011, Water's Edge, Westbrook

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Gary Stango; seconded by Dan Stebbins; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1038 hours.

XII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, May 12, 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

April 14, 2011

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

News:

- The Task Force will begin following the job title requirements as set forth in the National Emergency Responder Credentialing System, Search and Rescue Working Group. This will allow us to work towards the achievement of being credentialed for any potential interstate, mutual aid based response requests. Within each job title specific to Urban Search and Rescue, FEMA, NFPA and the OSHA standards set the basic requirements for training.
- Training proficiency sheets were developed for each component and will be utilized during training events. Each Task Force member will be given a skills sheet which will track their abilities to complete their required monthly training. These completed sheets will help to maintain the Task Force's overall training objectives. The completed sheets will be placed in each members training file to be utilized to maintain our response capabilities.

Training:

- Salamander training for support personnel
- May Training – at NEDTC
 - Rescue - Trench Rescue / Cutting and Burning Training
 - K9 Search – Wilderness/Missing Person response search
 - Tech Search – GPS and Mapping
 - Planning – Structural Collapse awareness – online training
 - Logistics and Medical - Support
- June Training – at NEDTC
 - Rescue - Lifting and moving
 - K9 Search – Live find training
 - Tech Search – Core Drilling and De/Sar listening device training
 - Planning – Confined Space Awareness – online training
 - Logistics and Medical - Support

Presentations:

- Presentation for OSHA and ConnOSHA with the Operating Engineers in Meriden, CT.

Future Items:

- Continue progress on the Swift water /Flood Water rescue capabilities.
- 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

Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

2010-2015 STATE-WIDE STRATEGY

December 31, 2010 Status Update

June 30, 2010		Sept. 30, 2010		Dec. 31, 2010	
Status	%	Status	%	Status	%
P	64	P	72	P	75
P	68	P	72	P	75
P	61	P	66	P	67
P	96	P	96	P	96
P	40	P	45	P	45
P	38	P	39	P	39
P	55	P	57	P	60
P	82	P	91	P	92
P	67	P	71	P	71
P	72	P	74	P	77

- 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%

68%

70%

Overall % achieved toward Goals

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in progress