

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
April 8, 2010

ATTENDEES: Bill Austin, CREPC; Chris Baker, ARC; William Baldwin, CTIC; David Bassett, TSA; Jonathan Best, DPH; Bob Christ, DEMHS; Doug Dortenzio, Wallingford; Paul Gibb, NWCCOG; John Gustafson, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Robert Kennedy, DOT; Jim Kenny, Vernon; Melanie Kerr, DEMHS; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Katherine McCormack, Hartford; Don Moore, Bloomfield; Jeff Morrissette, CFPC; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; William Podgorski, DPS; Dave Rodriguez, TSA; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; Dan Stebbins, USAO; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; James Trainor, Meriden; Michael Varney, DOIT; Rob Ware, CTNG; Dan Warzoha, Greenwich and Ed Wilds. Also Craig Gilbert of FEMA as a guest.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Meeting called to order by Deputy Commissioner Hard at 0908 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Commissioner Hard introduced Craig Gilbert of FEMA, who is working with the Preliminary Damage Assessment Teams on storm damage.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Dan Warzoha read a letter submitted by the First Selectman of Greenwich, Peter J. Tesei, thanking the State for the support received during the March 13th storm. See attached.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting by Doug Dortenzio; seconded by Jim Kenny; approved with abstentions by Jeff Morrissette and Ed Wilds.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

- A. None.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – Michael Varney advised that the minutes from the last meeting and two project meetings can be viewed on the DEMHS website. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2010. Announcements should go out by the end of the month for their first conference to be held on June 15, 2010 at Rentschler Field. The state was turned down in round one of the AARA Grant for broadband focus but the application has been expanded and will be re-submitted for round two.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Bill Austin reported that 200 people are currently in training with another 600 people slated for training over the Summer. CT should pass the 4,000 mark this Fall. Instructor training is upcoming and conference planning is underway with a September timeframe. The next meeting will be held on April 22 at 2pm in the West Hartford Town hall.
- C. Credentialing Committee – Don Moore advised that the next meeting will take place on April 20 at DEMHS. The group will focus on some issues that arose during the Kleen Energy incident.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrissette advised that the group has gone to a quarterly meeting schedule and he will report accordingly.
- E. Incident Management Team – In Tim Baldwin's absence, Don Moore reported that there was no meeting held last month.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: No report in Bill Hackett's absence.
- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – In Libby Graham's absence, Melanie Kerr reported that the Mass Care Working Group will hold its first meeting on April 19th.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps – No report in the absence of Mary Duley.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – No report in Dan Ronan's absence but the next meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – See attached update.
- K. Private Sector Committee – No report in the absence of Sandra Brown and Mario Bruno. Doug Dortenzio advised that the 2 day Private Sector/CPCA Conference held at SCSU exceeded expectations and that there was a 60% private sector to 40% public ratio.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Bill Austin, seconded by James O’Leary, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program – No update in Libby Graham’s absence.
- B. CTIC – Bill Baldwin reported that CSP Trooper Mike Kowal has returned from military Leave and is back with the Office of Counter Terrorism as a RILO representative. He is a welcome addition to the team. The Secure Room at Sigourney Street is almost completed. The Intelligence liaison officer (ILO) conference was a great success with almost 200 officers attending from across the State.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – See attached report in the absence of Bill Hackett and Brian Toolan.
- D. Legislation – No report in Scott Devico’s absence.
- E. DEMHS – Deputy Commissioner Hard advised that DPUC will be holding Public Hearings in Fairfield County to address the power outages from the March 13th storm. They will also be looking at telecommunications suppliers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Debris Management Exercise Update by Melanie Kerr – the tabletop exercise will be held on June 2, 2010 at DOT from 8am-3pm and will be attended by State Agencies only.
- B. Everbridge Call Group – a call group is being worked on so that CTIC can blast immediate notifications in the same way that the NOC blasts information from DHS. A 30 day roll out is anticipated.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Michael Varney advised that DOIT will hold its next twice yearly full scale exercise on March 22nd.
- B. David Bassett of TSA introduced himself and advised that they are there for support if anyone requires it.
- C. Deputy Commissioner Hard advised that DEMHS would be hosting a Security Posture Update roundtable on April 12th. Also that the Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit is working on a pilot program that may help finance some of the upgrades recommended in the security assessments they complete. Initial pilot will include Bradley International Airport and UCONN Storrs.
- D. Craig Gilbert of FEMA advised that there are currently 10 Individual Assistance Teams and 7 Public Assistance Teams working in the State, totaling 33 persons from FEMA at this time.
- E. DPH in conjunction with Yale is hosting Mass Fatality Management training. Information can be found on CTtrain.org and they encourage first responder participation.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. CCM Conference – May 11, 2010, Cromwell
- B. All-Hazard IMT class – May 17-21, 2010 – CT Fire Academy
- C. Annual EMD Hurricane Conference - TBD
- D. Ingestion Pathway Exercise – October 19-20, 2010 – SEOC, Hartford, CT

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Jim Kenny; seconded by Michael Varney; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 0944 hours by Deputy Commissioner Hard.

XII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, **May 13, 2010** – Chief State’s Attorney’s Office, Rocky Hill, CT

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



To: DEMHS Coordinating Council
From: Public Health Preparedness Sub Committee
Date: April 8th 2010

HHS Hospital Preparedness Program

- Hospital Preparedness Program is working with NYC regarding planning for an upcoming regional mass fatality planning meeting in NYC in late spring
- Training and Exercise Workshop on March 31st at CHA.
- On going education of hospitals on regarding WebEOC training.
- The Region I & II Institute of Medicine Regional (IOM) Workshops on Standards of Care during a Mass Casualty Event will take place April 27th in New York City.

EMS Preparedness

- EMS Data Collection project ongoing
- Meetings with NHTSA Administrators on CT EMS Data projects
- Joint work on updates to Mass Gathering Statutes
- 3 additional MCI /Sheltering Trailers to be deployed

Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness

- DPH participate in the Region 2 "Kick off of Faith Based Local PODS

CDC/Local Health Preparedness/WebEOC

- WebEOC Trainings for, hospitals and CMEDS are ongoing statewide.
- Vulnerable Populations Training Session conducted March 18, 2010
- Working with DOIT on VTC rollout
- Five H1N1 after action conferences with federal, state and local partners were conducted
- Draft of H1N1 after action report is undergoing internal review

New England Disaster Training Center

- Site visits being conducted with state and federal partners
- Chemical Car Train Prop is now on site
- Curriculum - project team members meet weekly on training curriculum.

Mobile Field Hospital

- Ongoing maintenance of equipment
- Upcoming support for Boy Scout Jamboree May 2010, Meriden



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 8, 2010

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

Events:

- On March 30, 2010 a US&R car mate trailer filled with 50 cots was deployed to the Town of Old Lyme for a shelter opened in that Town due to the flooding situation.
- 24 Task Force members are in the final stages and will be certified as Structural Collapse Technicians next month. Once completed, the Task Force will have 48 Structural Collapse Technicians.
- The Task Force is receiving certified training in Wilderness Search and Rescue beginning in June 2010. Task Force members will train to set up organized searches for missing persons, and using the GPS units in the Cache, be able to grid and plot searched locations as well as areas of interest. 65 Task Force members have signed up to be certified in Wilderness Search and Rescue.
- The Task Force will also be certified in wide area search in September 2010. This is a certified course being offered by TEEEX to Task Force members not already certified in this discipline.
- The New England Disaster Training Center is nearing completion; the Task Force will begin their monthly training at the NEDTC once completed.
- The Task Force has been receiving a tremendous amount of membership application requests. An open house is being discussed to accommodate the requests.

Equipment:

- The Task Force trucks remain in a deployable state.
- Cot containers are stocked and ready to be deployed if needed.

Future Items:

- The structural collapse evaluated drill will take place in June of 2010 and will be a 16hr drill. The drill is scheduled to take place at the New England Disaster Center at Camp Hartell.
- The Task Force will train and be certified in Wide Area Search (Sept. 2010) and Wilderness Search (June 2010).

To Activate CT Urban Search and Rescue at your incident scene, call:
DEMHS at 860-566-3180
24/7 Duty Officer Pager at 860-708-0821
Or
CT Public Safety Message Center
1-800-842-0200

CONNECTICUT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE CT-TF1
269 MAXIM RD
HARTFORD, CT 06114
860-706-5520



TOWN OF GREENWICH

Town of Greenwich Office of the First Selectman

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Greenwich - I convey our sincere thanks and gratitude for the support we received from the State of Connecticut - starting with our Governor, Jodi Rell who provided immediate assurance of assistance in the aftermath of the March 13th and March 14th Storm that left two thirds of our residents without power, 400 of our 700 public roads impassable and 800 trees toppled due to high wind along with structural damage to 60 + homes.

I especially wish to recognize the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Commissioner Peter Boynton, Deputy Commissioner Betsy Hard, Director William Hackett, Region 1 Coordinator Robert Kenny and the DEHMS staff operating in the EOC on the Conference Calls for the level of attention provided to Greenwich in addressing the recovery from the damage done by this storm. While I would of preferred to meet under different circumstances - the high degree of professionalism of all of these individuals affirms my faith in our system of Government and the resources put in place to protect our citizens.

Special thanks to the DOT for providing equipment for debris removal. Heartfelt gratitude to Bob Kenny for being with us in our EOC during the eye of the storm and supporting us throughout this event.

Warm regards,

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman