

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
June 9, 2011

ATTENDEES: Bill Austin, CREPC; Tim Baldwin, Southbury; David Bassett, TSA; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Jon Best, DPH; Peter Boynton, DEMHS; Reuben Bradford, DPS; Sandra Brown, Hart. Hosp.; Barbara Buddington, WINCOG; Robert Cody, CTNG; Scott Devico, DEMHS; Doug Dortenzio, Wallingford; Mary Duley, DPH; Doug Glowacki, DEMHS; Len Guercia, DPH; John Gustafson, DEMHS; John Gusto, DHHS; William Hackett, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Sam Izzarelli, DPS; Robert Kennedy, DOT; Jim Kenny, Vernon; Melanie Kerr, Judicial; Ted Lemay, POSTC; Maryann Lexius, Manchester; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Peter Matos, DEMHS; Katherine McCormack, MMRC; Don Moore, Bloomfield; Jeff Morrissette, CFPC; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Paul Rapanault, UPFFA; Robert Ross, DPS; Tom Ryer, US Navy; Jay Salvatore, ARC; Ted Schroll, CSFA; John Shaw, MMRS; John Shealy, VA; Michael Spera, Old Saybrook; Gary Stango, New Haven; Dan Stebbins, DPS; Rita Stewart, DEMHS; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Brian Toolan, US&R; James Trainor, Meriden; Michael Varney, DOIT; Dan Warzoha, Greenwich; and Ed Wilds, DEP.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Boynton at 0904 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Introduction of John Gusto, federal project officer from DHHS by Mary Duley.
- B. Introduction of Capt. Tom Ryer, USN, Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer (NEPLO) for the State of Connecticut by Commissioner Peter Boynton.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting by Gary Stango; seconded by Jeff Morrissette; unanimously approved.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

- A. Commissioner Boynton advised that since this was the last official meeting of the DEMHS Coordinating Council in its present configuration that each sub-committee submit a final report by July 15th.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – reported on by Michael Varney. 1) Extension requested for PSIC grant and received from DHS; 2) Met with 4 of the 5 Regions on the National Communications Initiative, which requires 75% coverage restoration after an emergency; 3) Narrow-banding outreach continues; 4) D-block legislation to include 700 MHz has passed the US Senate; 5) National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators met to discuss cuts in grant funding. Guidance was received. Upcoming multi-state meeting will include NY, NJ and the New England states; 6) next meeting will be held on June 21st at the USCG Command in New Haven.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Reported on by Bill Austin. See final status report attached below.
- C. Credentialing Committee – Don Moore reported that the Credentialing document has been completed and is at DEMHS for review. Next project is how to centralize data so it can be better used.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrissette advised that there is a need to re-engage the mission of this sub-committee. Will meet with Commissioner Boynton before July 1st.
- E. Incident Management Team – Tim Baldwin reported that the next objective is to work with Regions 2 and 4 to obtain credentialing. The subcommittee will meet before the end of June. Region 3 IMT has had members deployed back to Texas for the wildfires and a small team responded to Monson, MA for the tornado last week.

- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Bill Hackett reported that work continues on the Children and Emergencies topic with Save the Children. Bill #983 for children in emergencies has been passed by the Legislature. The July meeting has been canceled.
- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – Rita Stewart advised that the last meeting was on May 16th and that this week a discussion was had on the FFY11 monies. Jim O’Leary asked that the 5 REPT’s and Planning teams be included and thanked DEMHS staff and the Commissioner for the great collaboration.
 - Mass Care Working Group – Brenda Bergeron advised that the group continues to work on the Concept of Operations and a smaller group met this week to finalize the draft concept for presentation to the larger group for review.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Committee – Mary Duley advised that the next meeting will be held on June 15th, with the focus being new database, upcoming conference, special award. A final report will be completed after the June meeting.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Dave Bassett thanked the group and DEMHS for all the support shown with the VIPR’s. After the death of Osama Bin Laden the focus has moved from air to rail transportation and VIPR activity has doubled over the past month to include ferry’s. Regional Field officers are expected to come on board and per the 911 Commission report they are establishing collaboration with Universities of Excellence to include UCONN and others. The focus will be on how they can work together.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Len Guercia asked that all remember to include the EMS group in planning and responding. Maryann Lexius advised that the next meeting will be held on July 28th and that by statute this committee is required to continue to meet.
- K. Public/Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown advised that the July meeting will be postponed. See attached final report below.

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

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program/Statewide Strategy – Reported on by Rita Stewart. See attached handouts below.
 1. Jim O’Leary commented that the process in place is worked and he hoped the collaboration would continue.
 2. Michael Spera asked how long the process would take to change the SAA. Commissioner Boynton advised that DHS was asked as the process formerly took 12-18 months to complete. DHS has streamlined the process and assured us it now takes 2-3 months but can be done as quickly as 2-3 weeks.
 3. Doug Glowacki advised that EMPG retains level funding for FFY11. He advised that states working with NEMA helped the funding remain. DEMHS is looking to sustain those programs in place.
- B. CTIC – Reported on by Betsy Hard.
 1. The CTIC scored very well with DHS under Critical Operational Capabilities review getting 3out of 4 areas scored green. The fourth area was for analysis (yellow) and was scored before the 2 existing analysts were hired. The analytical plan is now in review and in approx. 2 weeks time all four capabilities will be scored green.
 2. As an All-Crimes Fusion Center, the CTIC has reached out to state agencies to partner with CTIC and increase information distribution. Eight agencies were identified and have agreed to supply State Agency Intelligence Liaison Officers (SAILO’s) to work with CTIC to accomplish this goal. Looking to continue to reach out to applicable agencies.
 3. The new Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) initiative has gone out to all Law Enforcement entities in the state. It includes indicators of suspicious activity and privacy training.
 4. Region 4 Law Enforcement (LE) chiefs and a scattering of additional chiefs will participate in the LInX program which will increase the sharing of vetted LE information.
 5. A training class on Sovereign Citizens was held at POST and a classified briefing for Police Chiefs at Sigourney Street was offered.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Reported on by Brian Toolan.
 1. See attached report.
- D. Legislation – Reported on by Scott Devico.

1. Bill # 6650 is the bill consolidating DEMHS with other agencies. The Implementer Bill is #6652.
- E. Hurricane/Storm Preparation – Reported on by Bill Hackett.
 1. Massachusetts had three tornados last week, one which was an EF3 one half mile wide that travelled 39 miles. Over 300 people are still in shelters with 250 people working the response, many from CT. Significant mutual aid responded from the border towns and Tolland County dispatch. The Governor called for a partial activation of the EOC to help with response monitoring.
 2. Disaster 1958 (January 12th snowstorm) is ongoing and has reached the \$4 million mark.
 3. Hurricane Preparation weekly meetings continue and a Tabletop Exercise with Governor Malloy is scheduled for June 23th.
 4. Commissioner Boynton advised that he read a State of the Forest review and the trees in CT have not been culled since the category 3 hurricane in the 1950's. CT is the 14th most forested state and the 4th most densely populated state, and 80% of the trees are 60 years or older.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on Required Target Capabilities for Public Health - Maryann Cherniak Lexius
- B. Presentation on Region 3 IMT/Texas Wildfire's – Don Moore
- C. State Agency Consolidation – discussion on the consolidation ensued. Commissioner Bradford advised that he felt the Coordinating Council Meetings should continue under a new format for the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Also the functions and missions of the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security would remain the same. Effective July 1, 2011 we will become the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, which will have five divisions: DEMHS, Scientific Services, CT State Police, POST and the Fire Academy.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Al Hoffman – The local marine groups continue to meet monthly.
- B. Sandra Brown – There is an exercise next Wednesday with LE, Fire, EMS and Health.
- C. Katherine McCormack – Commented on the level of professionalism that Emergency Management has risen to in the past 5 years.
- D. Bill Austin – Based on this meeting we see that the pride and abilities of the group will continue.
- E. Ed Wilds – There is the birth of a new alliance between RAD and DPH – the National Alliance of Radiation Response.
- F. Jeff Morrissette – This is June Fire School Week which runs through Saturday if anyone wishes to stop at the Fire Academy in Windsor Locks. Also starting soon will be a \$3million soft expansion at the fire school.
- G. Gary Stango – I am proud of CT and this council. Thank you to all for the contributions made from the group for the State of CT. CT is far ahead of many other states.
- H. Robert Kennedy – Looking forward to working with the new department.
- I. Mary Duley – Looking forward to continued collaboration.
- J. Bill Palomba – There was a Tennessee gas pipeline information session which had many first responders in attendance. It will be offered in other areas of the State.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) – June 8, 15, & 22, 2011, Woodbridge
- B. Hurricane Exercise for Governor and Commissioners – June 23, 2011, SEOC

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Michael Spera; seconded by Gary Stango; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1122 hours.

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CERT Honor Roll

Donald A. Janelle – 2009
William H. Austin – 2010

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council

Final Status Report June 9, 2011

In accordance with the directions issued on June 7, 2011, the following final status report of the Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council is submitted.

Section 216 of HB6550 repealed the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council effective July 1, 2011. By de facto this legislative action also includes the repeal of the council created sub-committees to include the Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council.

The Citizen Corps Program has been directed by the Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council for approximately five years. During this time period the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) created across the state have resulted in 3,743 trained citizens from 58 municipalities. In addition, the Citizen Corps Program has trained responders from the Connecticut State Animal Response Team, the Governor's Foot Guard Companies, the Governor's Horse Guard Companies, and five state colleges. The training has also included training responders at ESPN, Mohegan Sun, the Rocky Hill Veterans Home, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Trained CERT teams now handle missions that cover over 50 different functions as outlined in the various municipal local emergency operations plan (LEOP). These missions include shelter support, food distribution, medical dispensing operations, emergency response, emergency operation center support, HAM radio operations, and animal rescue and response activities. In addition, team personnel perform mountain bike rescue operations, disability response training, traffic control operations, missing person search and research operations, serve as members of incident management teams.

Mission support is expanding as new missions come on line, such as the recently developed foreign language support team (the West Hartford CERT "Delta Team") and the RHAM Video Support Team.

During our mission period the Statewide Citizen Corps Council has received tremendous support from DEMHS, the Regional Planning Organizations, the American Legion, and numerous other private and non-governmental agencies.

CERT response activity has grown from zero to approximately 350 activations a year across the State of Connecticut. Response nature has also changed as confidence and understanding of the ability of the citizen responders has been gained. We can proudly point to a number of high level activations, including the tragic explosion at Kleen Energy, flooding situations across the state, search and rescue events, and a multiple shooting incident in Manchester, CT.

Key Issues Pending:

- The creation of a statewide governance committee is required by Federal grant guidance with committee membership detailed in the guidance.
- The Fifth Annual Citizen Corps Conference has been rescheduled for November 14-16 due to the impact of the state reorganization.
- The CERT Training Weekend is being rescheduled for next spring with no date determined as of yet.
- Uncertainty in the grant funding and reimbursement procedures has resulted in the cancellation of eight (8) planned CERT training classes, with cancellation of any further classes until the new governance body is appointed.
- Payment for six (6) CERT training classes currently in progress will be delayed until new reimbursement procedures are established and training delivery costs are reconciled.
- All meetings of the committee published for the remainder of the calendar year have been cancelled.

*Submitted by William H. Austin
Chairperson
Statewide Citizen Corps Council
June 9, 2011*

CONNECTICUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Private-Public Sector Collaborative Committee Final Status Report June 9, 2011

Co-Chair: Sandra C. Brown, Hartford Hospital
Co-Chair: Vacant

Committee Purpose:

To provide a forum for information sharing, cooperation, and collaboration among representatives of the private and public sectors with regard to all aspects of emergency management and homeland security, including making recommendations to the Coordinating Council and the Commissioner of DEMHS.

History:

Representatives from the federally-designated private sectors and various Connecticut associations, together with DEMHS Regional Coordinators were invited to become members of the Private-Public Sector Collaborative Committee. A meeting was held at DEMHS headquarters at 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, Connecticut on November 9, 2009 where bylaws of the committee, drafted with assistance of DEMHS Legal Counsel, were adopted by unanimous vote. 2010 quarterly meetings were held on: January 12; March 16; June 15, and September 21. 2011 meetings were held on January 11 and April 12. Reports of committee activities were reported monthly to the DEMHS Coordinating Council at regularly scheduled meetings of the Council.

Accomplishments:

- Education of committee members made available from presentations by Commissioner Peter Boynton regarding the mission and creation of DEMHS; the DEMHS State Training Officer regarding the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System, the DEMHS Credentialing Committee Chair, the American Red Cross, and the CT Department of Information Technology.
- Dissemination of information to private sector partners regarding Incident Command Systems, Small Business Administration Loan programs, FEMA materials for tabletop exercises, Connecticut regional geographic divisions and Regional Coordinator contact information, emergency preparedness kits for home

and businesses, continuity of operations planning, Connecticut hurricane preparedness and After-Action Reporting.

- Collaboration with other established private sector organizations focused upon emergency preparedness including Infra Gard and the Connecticut Association of Contingency Planners.
- Outreach to and fostering connections with business organizations small and large via associations existing throughout the State of Connecticut.

CONNECTICUT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Private-Public Sector Collaborative Committee Final Status Report June 9, 2011 Cont'd.

Current Projects:

- Development of a tool for the private sector to provide contact information for resources available during the first 72 hours of an emergency; to include routine police and fire department telephone numbers; contact information for local Emergency Management Directors and state Regional Coordinators; Dept of Transportation and Public Safety public information lines and utility company contact numbers for emergency assistance.
- Engagement of Small Business Development Centers at Connecticut state colleges and universities in a collaborative partnership to disseminate emergency preparedness information to local businesses within their catchment areas. Facilitation of co-hosted events and workshops relative to disaster education and resources.

The Private-Public Sector Collaboration Committee trusts that the work begun under the auspices of the DEMHS Coordinating Council will continue under the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to aid the citizens and businesses of Connecticut in their emergency preparedness efforts.

Many thanks to Commissioner Boynton and prior Commissioners and Deputies of DEMHS for their foresight and leadership in this area. The assistance of DEMHS staff members Rita Stewart, Scott Devico and Brenda Bergeron was invaluable and is very much appreciated. Thanks also to former committee Co-Chair Mario Bruno of the American Red Cross for his many contributions.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the entire Private-Public Sector Committee,



Sandra C. Brown, Co-Chair
Private-Public Sector Collaboration Committee
Connecticut Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Coordinating Council

Federal Preparedness Grants

FFY 2011

Non-Competitive Grant Program	Connecticut Allocations			
	FFY 10 Allocation	FFY 11 Announced Allocation	Change From FFY 10 Allocation	Percent Change
HSGP	\$8,894,442	\$5,137,205	-\$3,757,237	-42.24%
UASI - Bridgeport	\$2,812,361	\$0	-\$2,812,361	-100.00%
UASI - Hartford	\$2,752,043	\$0	-\$2,752,043	-100.00%
MMRS	\$317,419	\$281,693	-\$35,726	-11.26%
CCP	\$178,606	\$142,270	-\$36,336	-20.34%
BZPP	\$400,000	\$0	-\$400,000	-100.00%
IECGP	\$525,500	\$0	-\$525,500	-100.00%
EMPG	\$4,718,749	\$4,690,951	-\$27,798	-0.59%
Port Security	\$2,257,341	\$1,402,443	-\$854,898	-37.87%
Driver License Security**	\$800,677	\$701,062	-\$99,615	-12.44%
Total Non-competitive Funds	\$23,657,138	\$12,355,624	-\$11,301,514	-47.77%

Homeland Security Grant Program Guidance

Overarching Priorities:

1. Advancing "Whole Community" Security and Emergency Management
2. Building Prevention and Protection Capabilities
3. Maturation and enhancement of State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers

Homeland Security Funding			
HSGP	2010		8,894,442
HSGP	2011	42%	5,137,205

2011	Funding Requirements		
Total allocation	5,137,205		
State	20%	max	1,027,441
Local	80%	min	4,109,764
LE	25%	min	1,284,301

FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program Proposed Budget Adjustments

	Description of item	State (20%)			Description of reduction	Local (80%)			
		FFY 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 Budget	% reduced		FFY 2010 Budget	Proposed 2011 Budget	% reduced	
Investment Justification 1 Regional Collaboration (Includes M&A)	Funding for staff, State Law Enforcement, etc	701,972	433,928	38%	Alternate funding for one position	1,176,813	855,169	27%	Elimination of vacant positions; alt. funding for a % of one position
Investment Justification 2 Office of Counter Terrorism	Staff and operational costs for CT's Office of Counter Terrorism	617,254	493,513	20%	Reduction in program funding	332,000	332,000	0%	No reduction proposed
Investment Justification 3 CBRNE Detection/IED Deterrence	Funding for Regional Hazmat, Bomb Squads and USAR	0	0			91,000	86,000	5%	Reduction in program funding
Investment Justification 4 Medical Prep and Response	Funding to DPH for Medical Reserve Corps	0	0			97,500	75,000	23%	Reduction in program funding
Investment Justification 5 Public Outreach and Prep	Public outreach and 2-1-1 rumor control (used if needed)	150,000	40,000	73%	Reduction in public awareness campaign	40,000	15,000	62%	Reduction in program funding
Investment Justification 6 All Haz Prep and Planning	Planning projects - proposed each annually	70,000	5,000	93%	Reduction in program funding	0	0		
Investment Justification 9 NIMS/ICS/Training/Exercise	Training and Exercise Program	5,000	5,000	0%		190,900	94,005	51%	Reduction in program funding
Investment Justification 10 Interop Comm.	Contract for interop equipment maintenance	50,000	50,000	0%	No reductions proposed	0	0		
Investment Justifications 11-15 REPT Funding	Funding to REPTs, Hazmat and Bomb Squads	0	0			4,804,000	2,652,590	45%	Reduction in program funding
		1,594,226	1,027,441	36%		6,732,213	4,109,764	39%	

Proposed Regional Allocations

FFY 2011 HSGP

Region	REPT HSGP	Risk – Based Funding	Regional HAZMAT Team Funding	Regional Bomb Squad Funding	Total FFY 2011 REPT Funding
	(Planning, Training, Exercise, Equipment, Oversight Agent)	(25% Mandated LE Set Aside)	(To be Administered by Agent)	(To be Administered by Agent)	
Region 1	\$442,518	\$27,200	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$545,718
Region 2	\$442,518	\$27,200	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$545,718
Region 3	\$442,518	\$27,200	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$545,718
Region 4	\$442,518	\$27,200	\$38,000	0	\$507,718
Region 5	\$442,518	\$27,200	\$38,000	0	\$507,718
Total	\$2,212,590	\$136,000	\$190,000	\$114,000	\$2,652,590

Total FFY 2010 REPT Funding	Total FFY 2011 REPT Funding (proposed)	Reduction in funding by Region (proposed)
\$1,001,750	\$545,718	\$456,032
\$977,250	\$545,718	\$431,532
\$1,090,500	\$545,718	\$544,782
\$877,625	\$507,718	\$369,907
\$856,875	\$507,718	\$349,157
\$4,804,000	\$2,652,590	\$2,151,410



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



Current Operational Status of CT-TF1 - DEPLOYABLE

June 9, 2011

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

News:

- The Task Force has completed its 2010-2011 team training schedule on June 4, 2011 with a heavy lifting and moving exercise at the NEDTC at Camp Hartell in Windsor Locks.
- The Task Force will not be training as a team during the months of July and August, but will still be active and ready for any requests for deployment.
- All current Task Force members have completed their annual fitness for duty physical exams.
- Swift Water/Flood Water training is the focus for the summer as a 24 member team will be training on the requirements for swift water technician training hopefully delivered in late September.
- The Technical Search component is also progressing and will be gearing up for a 40 hour Technical Search Specialists course to be delivered in November at the NEDTC training site. This course will bring 16 members of the Technical Search component up to Specialists which is the highest level the component can achieve.
- September 7, 2011 will begin the 2011-2012 training year for the Task Force and will begin with the annual loyalty oath.

Training:

- Summer 2011 – Rope Technician and refresher training, swift/flood water pre-requisite training.

Presentations:

- June 10, 2011 – Enfield Public Safety Academy equipment display.

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