

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
July 7, 2010

ATTENDEES: Bill Austin, CREPC; Alberto Battelli, Sprint; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Peter Boynton, DEMHS; Sandra Brown, Hartford Hosp.; Dave Brown, DEMHS; Mario Bruno, ARC; James Carragher, CTNG; Harold Decker, DOT; Joel DiLoreto, Hart.Hosp.; Doug Dortenzio, Wallingford; Mary Duley, DPH; Brian English, TSA; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Libby Graham, DEMHS; Len Guercia, DPH; John Gustafson, DEMHS; William Hackett, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Don Janelle, Manchester; Robert Kennedy, DOT; Jim Kenny, Vernon; Bob Labanara, CCM; Marianne Lexius, Manchester; Mike Maglione, Waterbury; Gene Mascolo, CTNG; Katherine McCormack, Hartford; Jim Mona, GM2; Don Moore, Bloomfield; Jeff Morressette, CFPC; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Peter Payson, CTIC/DHS; Doug Pesce, DHS; Ray Philbrick, DPW; Roy Piper, DEMHS; William Podgorski, DPS; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; John Shaw, MMRS; Michael Spera, Old Saybrook; Gary Stango, Hartford; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Michael Varney, DOIT; and Ed Wilds, DEP.

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. None

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2010 meeting by Hal Decker; seconded by Mike Maglione; approved.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

- A. Commissioner Boynton advised that the trend on the state level is to merge the offices of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, much as was done in Connecticut. California has begun the process and the State of New York has passed legislation combining Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Fire Prevention and Cyber-Security under one umbrella agency.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – Michael Varney reported that a briefing was held for various agencies and commissioners who are involved with the 60 plus projects currently being handled by the Interoperability committee. Regions 1 and 3 have completed a DHS Communications Peer Review to check interoperability across the region, report expected shortly. Len Guercia commented that the Everbridge system worked exceptionally well in a recent exercise that was conducted.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Bill Austin advised that the Annual Citizen Corps Conference will be held on September 7 & 8, 2010 at Waters Edge in Westbrook; and that the Annual CERT Weekend will take place on October 2 & 3, 2010. As of mid-June 3,283 persons have been trained with another 450 awaiting training.
- C. Credentialing Committee – Don Moore advised that the next meeting will be held on July 20, 2010. .
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrisette advised that the next meeting will be held on July 27, 2010 at Brainard Field.
- E. Incident Management Team – Tim Baldwin absent. See attached report below. Gary Stango corrected the Region 2 report to state that the region is moving forward and making good progress. Also, the National IMT Conference will be held in Denver on December 6-9, 2010.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Bill Hackett advised that the next meeting will be held on July 28, 2010. DSS is working with Save the Children to use some stimulus funding to update crisis response planning.

- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – Libby Graham reported that the group will meet in September and focus on regional exercises.
- Mass Care Working Group – Mario Bruno advised that the group met in mid-June to review the Region 2 shelter exercise. A draft working plan for the Mass care group includes situational assessment of existing plans, animal sheltering, public information, etc. Also, in response to the tornados the Red Cross has assisted 128 families. People displaced totaled 509 and 132 staff members are supporting the initiative.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps – Mary Duley advised that the advisory board would meet at the end of July; members attended the integrated training conference; and year 2 funding has gone out to the 5 regions.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Commissioner Boynton reported that the new co-chairs, Bob Mongillo and Dave Bassett have scheduled the next meeting for September 8, 2010 at 9am.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Len Guercia advised that the next meeting will be held on July 22nd. Also noted was the current water shortage due to the extended hot weather. DPH is in contact with the over 300 water suppliers and conservation notices may be forthcoming. There will be a drought committee meeting taking place on Monday.
- K. Public/Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown reported that the presentation given at the last meeting was videotaped for use by the local municipalities if they wish. Also, an overview of the Ready Rating Program was given, and Rita Reiss presented an overview of the SBA loan program of which 5 Counties are eligible.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Michael Spera, seconded by Bill Austin, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant Program/Statewide Strategy – Reported on by Libby Graham.
1. The unit has received 42 applications for the EOC Generator program. This is a competitive grant and awards will be announced next week.
 2. Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant – see attached handout.
 3. UASI Conference was attended at the end of June.
 4. The 2010 EMPG Grant Award has been received.
 5. Work is beginning on updating the State Strategy.
- B. CTIC – Reported on by Betsy Hard.
1. The new DHS Intelligence Officer, Peter Payson was introduced. He began working as part of the CTIC on July 6, 2010 and replaces Quinn Sullivan. His primary office space will be at 25 Sigourney Street as well as having room at the FBI office in New Haven.
 2. The Secure Room at Sigourney Street has been inspected by DHS and full certification is expected soon. The HSDN system is expected to be installed at the end of July.
 3. The new Fusion Center Intelligence Manager position closes tomorrow. Also anticipated are the state Intelligence Analyst positions should be posted soon.
 4. Mike Maglione reported that the working group for Fire representation is in the process of developing a profile, finding funding and training, and Sgt. Rosa is working with State Agencies to develop liaison personnel to represent each agency.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Bill Hackett advised that the US&R team was pre-deployed after the Bridgeport tornado to assist if needed while first responders searched damaged buildings. See full US&R report attached below.
- D. Legislation – Anyone with suggested legislative projects is asked to please forward their ideas/information to Scott Devico.
- E. Hurricane Preparation – see below under New Business.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. August Meeting Schedule – Motion was made by Bill Austin to task a poll of the group the Friday before the August meeting and determine if a meeting was warranted, second by Gary Stango. Discussion ensued and passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hurricane Preparedness Update – Bill Hackett advised that DEMHS has been working on the State Response Framework for the past several months. The National Framework is the template and is being geared to Connecticut's needs. It includes the role of the ESF's, the flow in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), and updating SEOC procedures. Commissioner Boynton and Director Hackett attended training at the Hurricane Center in Florida and DEMHS staff have completed training here in the state. The 5th Annual EMD Hurricane Conference will be held on July 15, 2010 at Mountain Ridge in Wallingford and will be followed by a Hurricane Tabletop Exercise for state agencies at the SEOC. Additional training will be forthcoming in August and September. Everbridge notification system and the protocols for its use are in place. The DEMHS PIO is working on updating the web links and DEMHS and DPH are collaborating on public service announcements.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. State Resource Map – As explained by John Gustafson, in electronic version, this is a layered map that can show only those assets needed by the user using the tabs on the left side of the document.
- B. Brian English of TSA advised that increased VIPR's continue across the state; also, advanced imaging technology will begin being used by the end of the month at Bradley International Airport.
- C. Sail Fest will take place on July 10, 2010 in New Haven.
- D. Region 2 will conduct a full scale sheltering exercise on July 31, 2010 at Career Technical High School in New Haven from 9am-1pm.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Annual EMD Hurricane Conference – July 15, 2010, Mountain Ridge, Wallingford
- B. Public Health Preparedness Public Health Sub-Committee – July 22, 2010, CHA, Wallingford
- C. HHS Eastern Regional Field Training Exercise, hosted by NEDTC and CT Air Guard - July 25-31, 2010, Windsor Locks
- D. Region 2 Full Scale Shelter Exercise – July 31, 2010, New Haven
- E. Annual Citizen Corps Conference – Sept. 7-8, 2010, Waters Edge, Westbrook
- F. CERT Weekend – October 2-3, 2010 – location TBD
- G. Ingestion Pathway Exercise – October 19-20, 2010 – SEOC, Hartford

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Jim Kenny; seconded by Ed Wilds; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 0958 hours.

XII. NEXT MEETING – Tentative, Thursday, **August 12, 2010** – Chief State's Attorney's Office, Rocky Hill, CT

Please scroll down for attached reports.

Department of Emergency Management
and
Homeland Security Coordinating Council
Incident Management Team Committee
July 2010 Report

Team Updates:

Region 1- No report
Region 2- No report
Region 3- Waiting to submit documentation for DEMHS recognition
Region 4- There has been a change in their leadership staff
Region 5- Received approval of their seed money from the REPT. Currently analyzing the resources that they have so that they may develop a training and equipment plan

June meeting- no meeting held

As reported last month, the next meeting will be held in August. Currently work is ongoing to prepare for the submission of Region 3 documentation of which will be the template for any other teams submitting for DEMHS recognition



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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CONNECTICUT URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE
CT-TF1



Current Operational Status of CT-TF1 - DEPLOYABLE

July 8, 2010

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

News:

- 24-June-2010 CT Urban Search and Rescue, per order of the Governor, is activated to respond to Bridgeport CT.
- 1530hrs on 24-June-2010 the Task Force was activated via Everbridge ENS and a staging area was set up for responders.
- By 1620hrs 52 Task Force members including 4 K9 handlers with K9's were checked in at the staging area and prepared to begin assisting the City of Bridgeport in whatever capacity requested.
- The Task Force was assigned to standby and respond as a R.I.T. (Rapid Intervention Team) if needed for the first responders currently on scene.
- Shortly after 2000hrs 24-June-2010 the Task Force was notified it could stand down and return to Brainard as the first responders had cleared the AOC (Areas of Concern). Check out accountability was performed and the Task Force departed the staging area shortly after 2100hrs.
- The New England Disaster Training Center ribbon cutting ceremony is being held on 08-July-2010; the Task Force will begin their monthly training at the NEDTC this September.
- The Task Force is now fully capable of responding to assist in a missing persons search. The 24 handheld GPS units, numerous communications equipment and other electronic capabilities are fully functioning. The 54 Task Force members that completed the training are comfortable in the use of the equipment and remain ready if called upon for assistance.
- The Task Force will not be training the Months of July and August. The Coordinator will be focusing on the policies and procedures as well as equipment and inventory. Training will resume September 1, 2010. Task Force members will remain deployable throughout the summer.

Presentations:

- DEMHS Hurricane Conference – 15-July-2010

Future Items:

- The Task Force will train and be certified in Wide Area Search (Sept. 2010)
- Planning has begun for a large scale exercise to test the Task Force's capabilities in searching for missing persons.

To Request Activation CT Urban Search and Rescue 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

The NY-NJ-CT-PA Regional Catastrophic Planning Team invites you to a Round 2 Stakeholder Meeting

These important meetings will consist of a series of facilitated roundtable discussions to present the draft regional catastrophic plans and to solicit your important feedback. The draft regional catastrophic plans we will review include the following:

- Logistics
- Sheltering
- Continuity of Operations
- Mass Fatality
- Radiological Dispersal Device
- Geographic Information Systems
- Evacuation
- Housing Recovery
- Debris Management
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Virtual Regional Operations Center (VROC)

The following Round 2 Stakeholder Meetings are scheduled for July 2010:

Date	Location	Registration
July 16	Middlesex, NJ	www.seeuthere.com/4stateRCPT_NJ
July 21	Southern CT	www.seeuthere.com/4stateRCPT_CT
July 23	Albany, NY	www.seeuthere.com/4stateRCPT_NYS
July 28	New York City	www.seeuthere.com/4stateRCPT_NYC

Please register by following the "Registration" link above to the event website and clicking on the "Register Here" button at the bottom of the page. You will have the option to receive a confirmation email upon registering. Lunch as well as snacks will be provided throughout each full day session.

Register soon!

Registrations will be accepted until each venue has reached capacity. If the meeting you want is unavailable, please register for another stakeholder meeting

For more information:

Log on to www.regionalcatplanning.org for information about the NY-NJ-CT-PA Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program

Contact John Mills-Pierre or James Cocks at 4stateRCPT@beckdr.com or 1-866-965-2325 with stakeholder meeting questions.