

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

Chief State's Attorney's Office, 300 Corporate Place, Rocky Hill, CT
September 9, 2010

ATTENDEES: Deb Arrieta, DEMHS; Alberto Battelli, Sprint; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Peter Boynton, DEMHS; David Brown, DEMHS; Sandra Brown, Hartford Hosp.; Marianne Cherniak-Lexius, Manchester Health Dept.; Scott Devico, DEMHS; Mary Duley, DPH; Mitch Erickson, USDHS; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Doug Glowacki, DEMHS; John Gustafson, DEMHS; Bill Hackett, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, DEMHS; Al Hoffman, USCG; Robert Kennedy, CTDOT; Jim Kenny, Vernon PD; Robert Kenny, DEMHS; Melanie Kerr, DEMHS; Bob Labanara, CCM; Gene Mascolo, CTNG; Virginia Mason, COGCNV; Katherine McCormack, CEMA; Mike Maglione, Waterbury FD; Jim Mona, GM2; Jeff Morrissette, CFPC; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Steven Pappas, Govcentric; Douglas Pesce, DHS; Roy Piper, DEMHS; Rita Reiss, DEMHS; Dave Rodriguez, TSA; Eugene Schwartz, YNHHS; John Shaw, CR-MMRS; Gary Stango, CMED NH; Mike Spera, CEMA; James Thomas, DPS; James Trainor, Meriden; Michael Varney, DOIT; Edward Wilds, DEP.

I. WELCOME AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Boynton at 0905 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Chief Doug Dortenzio – Reminder Connecticut Homeland Security & Maritime Stakeholder Outreach Meeting being held September 9th at 1:15 p.m. at the Savin Rock Conference Center in West Haven, CT
- B. Alberto Battelli – Sprint Business Continuity Event being held on October 7th at the CT Fire Academy Bldg. – Registration required.
- C. Jim Mona – NE Transportation Security Summit proposed at UCONN during the week of June 15, 2011 to involve DPS/TSA/UCONN/DEMHS/USDHS/USCG and will focus on how all will work together to enforce transportation security issues throughout the state.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2010, meeting by Chief Jim Kenny; seconded by Chief Mike Spera.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED/SENT

- A. Presentation of the EMD of the Year Award to Mr. Sean McGuckin, EMD – Town of Ledyard was cancelled due to notification from Mr. McGuckin that he would not be able to attend due to a conference that he had to attend out of state.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Interoperability Committee – Report from Chief Mike Varney that no meeting was held last month and next meeting to be held on September 21 at the NE Disaster Training Center.
Discussion: Chief Kenny shared with the group that during the Manchester shooting the biggest problem was interoperable communications and the need to get police further engaged in the use of a common radio frequency.
- B. Citizen Corps Advisory Council – Chief Austin was unable to attend meeting, however, provided the attached Strategy Memorandum 2010-2011 for review.
Discussion: Katherine McCormick reported that Chief Austin was awarded “CERT Honorable Status” at the conference and a number of CERT members also received awards. Reported by Commissioner Boynton that the room was absolutely full for the conference and the quality of the presentations were excellent. He also reported that George Dunn’s report for Kleen Energy was outstanding and focused on CERT teams. Melanie Kerr reminded everyone of CERT Weekend being held on October 2nd and the need to register on the DEMHS website.

- C. Credentialing Committee – No report in the absence of Don Moore.
- D. Training/NIMS Committee – Jeff Morrissette reported that on July 27 guidance was sent and DEMHS submitted NIMS cost reporting. Still uncertainty about reimbursement for backfill and training. Need to revisit the policy on training and back fill. Dave Brown reported that Department of Education was to disseminate the NIMS Alert sent in 2009 on the training for K-12 schools and higher education. No guidelines provided for NIMS compliance regarding grand funds possible introduction next summer.
Discussion: Suggestion of connecting the NIMS Group with the Child Safety Group. Questions on whether State EOC is organized under ESF. Bill Hackett indicated that DEMHS is currently developing the “State Response Framework” (SRF) using the ESF for planning and activities at the EOC.
- E. Incident Management Team – Gary Stango reported that there were no meetings over the summer. The next meeting was being held on October 1. There is currently a review of the Region 3 IMT and will be brought to the EMHS CC sometime after October.
- F. Child Safety & Crisis Response: Bill Hackett reported that the July meeting was cancelled and to be rescheduled. Tom Gavaghan has been working with the Connecticut Commission on Children on a conference to be held on September 14th at the LOB entitled, “Children in Natural and Unnatural Disasters; Are We Prepared?”
- G. Regional Collaboration Committee – Libby Graham reported that on Monday, September 13th there is an information sharing coordination meeting for each of the regions to discuss best practices and the exercises being planned as deliverables.
Mass Care Working Group – Melanie Kerr reported that the Mass Care Work Plan will be presented for review and then submitted to the EMHS CC in October.
- H. Medical Reserve Corps – Mary Duley indicated that the group has held a phone meeting and that July Advisory Bulletin 2010-5 was released concerning the “Standard Operating Procedure for Activation of Medical Reserve Corps Teams” and an active number of teams have been applying for coverage.
- I. Transportation Security Committee – Dave Bassett, TSA and Bob Mongillo, DOT the two new co-chairs met with the group on August 10. There are more VIPR’s scheduled for this month.
- J. Public Health Advisory Committee – Mary Duley provided the attached report for the committee. On July 22nd Commissioner Galvin appointed Maryann Cherniak-Lexius as Chair and James Paturas, Yale COE as Co-Chair. DPH did working collaboration with DEMHS to develop the 2010 Hurricane season PSA that will run from August until late September.
- K. Private Sector Committee – Sandra Brown reported that there was no meeting over the summer and the next scheduled meeting would be held on September 21 at 2 p.m.
Discussion: Bob Kenny discussed how Infragard and the Private Sector could possibly be integrated. Members sitting on this committee are also on Infragard and work together. Commissioner Boynton commented on a WNPR story that aired today concerning Admiral Thad Allen’s comments on the private sector involvement in the gulf spill. NGO, public and business will all be involved, either using a plan you have in place or going their own way because there is a lot of energy.

Motion to accept committee reports was made by Chief Mike Spera, seconded by Chief Kenny, unanimously approved.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Grant/Statewide Strategy – Reported by Rita Reiss. See attached DEMHS 2010-1015 State-wide Strategy and update report.
- B. CTIC – Report by Deputy Commissioner Hard.
- Letter from Commissioner Boynton to all EMHS CC members on the transition of CTIC to 25 Sigourney Street.
 - Pulling more resources into CTIC expanding space.
 - Completed self-assessment with DHS and August 26th DHS/FBI completed a baseline capabilities study for CTIC.
 - Change in CTNG analyst and looking to hire analysts for CTIC.

- Governor Rell designated CTIC to Hartford and DHS appointed DHS Analyst Peter Payson to CITC.
 - Commissioner Boynton reported that of the 71 Fusion Center visits, we were the only one with RILOS (Regional Intelligence Liaison Officers) on site at the center and is considered a national best practice.
 - Site survey with DHS for Secure Room and certified at "Secret" Level in July.
 - Homeland Security Data Network installed at 25 Sigourney Street on August 19.
 - Department of Correction and Department of Public Safety have both stepped up to assist with leadership within CTIC.
- C. Urban Search & Rescue – Bill Hackett provided attached report from Brian Toolan. Reported on September 1 the annual loyalty oath was given to 122 current and new task force members.
- D. Legislation – Scott Devico advised that DEMHS is now on Twitter and Facebook. Have also provided a specific area on the DEMHS website for hurricane information www.ct.gov/hurricane.
- Legislative Report: All subcommittees need to document successes and identify additional steps that need to be taken to move forward.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hurrevac Presentation by Bill Hackett and Doug Glowacki – Presentation sent as separate attachment to meeting minutes.
- B. Presentation by Rita Reiss on the Quarterly Update on Statewide Homeland Security Strategy Implementation. See attachment for June 30, 2010 Update. The statewide Strategy was done with the EMHS CC in 2005 and updated in 2007.

IX. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Bob Labanara reported that on October 6th CCM was holding a conference at the Connecticut Convention Center entitle, "See Something, Say Something: Approaching 10 Years Since 9/11."
- B. Chief James Kenny expressed his thanks for the calm tone within the local level for Hurricane Earl.
- C. Mike Varney received National Volunteer of the Year Award.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Ingestion Pathway Exercise – October 19-20, 2010 – SEOC, Hartford

XI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn by Chief Mike Spera; seconded by Gary Stango; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1040hours.

XII. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, **October 14, 2010** – Chief State's Attorney's Office, Rocky Hill, CT

CONNECTICUT CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Strategy Memorandum – 2010-11

To: Peter J. Boynton, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

From: William H. Austin, Chairperson, Connecticut Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee

Date: September 7, 2010

Subject: Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee Program for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

Executive Summary

The Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee has enjoyed a very successful five years. In addition to establishing and administering the program for the State of Connecticut, the committee created a governance system, set ambitious goals and developed its second budget. Over 3,500 volunteers were recruited and trained for the various emergency support missions. The Fourth Annual Citizen Corps Council Conference drew over 300 participants. The conference is designed specifically to reach the elected officials, agency heads, and all levels of first responders to show them how to cost effectively use and expand their emergency resources. The fifth annual CERT weekend training seminar will be conducted October 2-3, 2010.

Additionally, specific recommendations pertaining to policy and action include:

- *That funding for each of the regional and local councils is based on performance measures established by the CCP Advisory Committee, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: National Preparedness and the Homeland Security Target Capabilities List (TCL).*
- *That the funding policy be fashioned in a manner to reinforce the concept of regionalization throughout the State of Connecticut.*
- *And, that we consolidate programs such as the Neighborhood Watch Program, the Fire Corps Program, and the Volunteers in Police Service into the administrative control of the advisory committee and provide grant funding assistance to these elements of the Citizen Corps Program. Additionally, a new program supported in partnership with American Legion called "Neighbor Emergency Team (NET)" started in Connecticut in the fall of 2010.*

Introduction

The Citizen Corps Council was introduced in President George W. Bush's State of the Union Address, January 29, 2002. The Citizen Corps is a new network of volunteer organizations that utilize the skills and abilities of the American people to prepare communities for the threats of terrorism, crime and disasters. Citizen Corps is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is a vital part

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of the USA Freedom Corps. The Citizen Corps is composed of several components including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT); the Neighborhood Watch Program/USAonWatch; Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS); the Fire Corps and the Medical Reserve Corps. Detailed information on the Citizen Corps Council programs is located at www.citizencorps.gov web site.

The Medical Reserve Corps Program for Connecticut is now administered and funded through the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

Authority

The authority for the establishment and implementation of Citizen Corps Council Program (CCP) is found in the National Strategy for Homeland Security,¹ issued in July 2002 and funding appropriations in subsequent fiscal years.

Additionally, the Statewide Citizens Corps Council Advisory Committee was established by formal vote of the Connecticut State Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council at its regular monthly meeting on February 10, 2005. The chairperson is appointed by the DEMHS Commissioner.

Citizen Corps Mission

To have everyone in the State of Connecticut participate in making themselves, their neighborhoods, their communities, and our State more informed and better prepared.

History

In Connecticut the beginnings of the Citizen Corps Council predate the presidential mandate. The Neighborhood Watch Program has been in numerous communities for over thirty years. Another component, the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program has been an unquestioned success in Connecticut. CERT teams function in over 32 different mission areas and cross the citizen gamut from colleges to faith based organizations.

Citizen Corps Programs include:

- **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)** works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers
- **Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch** incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission
- The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills

1. Office of Homeland Security, *National Strategy for Homeland Security (July 2002)*, by George W. Bush, page 45.

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- The **Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) Program helps medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise – funded by the Connecticut Department of Public Health
- **Fire Corps** promotes the use of citizen advocates to provide support to fire and rescue departments

Administration

The statewide advisory committee will be responsible for the following functions:

- Implementing the statewide strategic plan (strategy memo) by adapting it to meet the individual needs of each region.
- Assessing current resources.
- Recruiting first responders for the various CCP programs.
- Training instructors for delivery of the various programs.
- Developing a strategic approach to public education, training and volunteer programs.
- Implementing specialized programs for public health, animal rescue efforts and special needs citizens.
- Implementing public education programs.
- Establishing a system of records administration for all programs.
- Fostering increased collaboration between the first responder/emergency management community, volunteer groups and other stakeholders.
- Utilizing citizens in all aspects of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, disaster response and recovery.
- Encouraging, supporting, and implementing local emergency response teams and regional administration of all programs.

Funding

Nationwide funding for the Citizen Corps Council Program (CCP) over the last six years has fluctuated between a low of \$15 million to a high of \$39.8. Over this six-year period Connecticut has received approximately \$2,000,000 in Citizen Corps funding.

Funding must be used cost effectively. As depicted in the spending plan below, *the strategy recommendation is that funding be based on performance measures established by the Advisory Committee, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: National Preparedness and the Homeland Security Target Capabilities List (TCL).*

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY11

- Funding should be reimbursed to the regions based on estimated costs of \$2,500 per CERT training class. These figures are based on projected training and administration costs of \$1,300 and equipment costs of \$60 per student (for the average class of 20 persons with a maximum of 25 students per class).

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- Funding is based on a statewide goal of recruiting 800 new members.
- Funding is based on statewide advanced training (Category B) for 1750 team members.
- Funding is based on 300 persons attending the statewide conference.

FY2008 funding and FY2009 funding will be partially utilized during the October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 operational period.

INITIATIVE PLANNING-EQUIPMENT- M and A - TRAINING-EXERCISES

Statewide Council Training/Conferences				\$36,000	
Public Education				30,000	
Basic Training		\$70,000		46,234	
M and A			6,281		
Regional Exercises					\$5,000
Planning	\$57,832				
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Totals	\$57,832	\$70,000	\$6,281	\$112,234	\$5,000

Grand Total \$251,347

- (a) Based on recruiting and training 800 persons in FY08 and FY09 funding year
 (b) Based on providing advanced training in mission requirements for 1,7500 persons

The strategy recommendation is to fashion the funding policy to reinforce the concept of regionalization throughout the State of Connecticut. Additionally, public education should be funded at a rate of 15% of appropriated funds.

Operations

The operational elements of the Citizen Corps Council Advisory Committee include recruitment, training, equipment issue and standardization, exercise coordination, and mission selection assistance.

The first and toughest step in the operational process is the recruitment of volunteer members. Approximately 3,500 volunteers have been recruited and trained in the past five years. Beginning October 1, 2010, the goal will be to recruit an additional 800 new volunteers over the next Federal fiscal year. While the committee has established minimum statewide training standards, the definition of the team or unit is left to parent community as is the mission requirements the team will support.

To facilitate the core training program across the state, standard equipment issue kits have been developed and mandated by the Advisory Committee statewide if the mission requires them. Equipment issue associated with mission specific activities will be procured and established as a separate table of organization and equipment (TOE) for the specified team.

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Under the direction of state homeland security, all exercises involving CCP assets and teams will be coordinated by the Advisory Committee. The focus is to require two exercises or live events annually for each certified team or organization in our program.

The statewide strategy is to train teams to support broader regional and state needs during a major disaster. Specifically, public health points of dispensing (POD), animal rescue operations, special needs management, emergency operation center support teams, disaster identification support teams, shelter support teams, communication support teams, and more are among the different support areas planned.

The major operational initiative in this program year will be our partnership with the American Legion called "Neighbor Emergency Team (NET)".

Regulatory Measures

The statewide Advisory Committee is regulated by federal program guidance issued by the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, federal funding appropriations, and the State of Connecticut Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council under the authority of the Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for the State of Connecticut.

Questions or comments concerning this report may be sent to William H. Austin at whaustin@westhartford.org

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



To: DEMHS Coordinating Council
From: Public Health Preparedness Sub Committee
Date: September 9th, 2010

Nursing Home Strike Update

DPH continues to monitor patient care and services at 4 facilities that are currently affected by strikes by staff. DPH continues site visits to these facilities.

HHS Hospital Preparedness Program

We are beginning year 2 of a 3-year Cooperative Agreement. On June 29, 2010 a grant award notice was received for \$4.66 million, with a 10% match required for this year. The purpose of the program is to maintain the healthcare system and improve systems in place. An application has been submitted to secure funding for another 3 years.

EMS Preparedness

EMS-I Curriculum Workgroup being developed

Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness

Inventory control issues related to anti viral stockpiles
Current review of updated Mass Dispensing Plan under way

CDC/Local Health Preparedness/WebEOC

Public Health Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting held on July 22, 2010 at CHA. Commissioner Galvin appointed Maryann Cherniak Lexius, Manchester Health Director, as Committee Chair and James Paturas, Yale COE, was appointed as Vice Chair. DPH will continue its responsibilities as Secretary. CDC Pandemic Influenza funding was granted an 11 month no-cost extension that DPH is reviewing with state and local partners. Our state will be launching the new Public Health Ready campaign to improve Local Health Officials Capabilities for emergency preparedness and response. The 5 DEMHS Regions will participate. Local Health Dept's gearing up for the fall

vaccinations. The next meeting PHP Advisory Committee meeting will be held October 21, 2010 at CHA in Wallingford.

New England Disaster Training Center

Work under way on Austere Environment Training program for Physicians slated for early November 2010

Mobile Field Hospital

Ongoing maintenance of equipment
Support to NDMS FTX at Air Guard Base

Public Education

DPH and DEMHS developed 2010 Hurricane Campaign which began in mid August and run until late September.

Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

2010-2015 State-wide Strategy

Goal 1 Strengthen the capabilities of emergency responders in identifying and responding to an all hazards incident

- 1.1 Continue to offer NIMS training to new first responders: keeping CT NIMS compliant
- 1.2 Continue to train emergency response supervisors to IS 800 B Level
- 1.3 Continue to provide for the maintenance of PPE for emergency responders
- 1.4 Facilitate viable local, regional and State EOCs
- 1.5 Assist local and state agencies in equipping them for all-hazards field responses
- 1.6 Continue to support communications connectivity and interoperability among first responders
- 1.7 Enhance CERTS and MRCs to assist emergency responders in responding to and recovering from all-hazards incidents
- 1.8 Encourage use of WebEOC by locals during exercises and disaster events
- 1.9 Maintain regional systems to ensure a sufficient supply of pharmaceuticals and supplies to provide prophylaxis for 3 days to hospital personnel (medical and ancillary staff), emergency first responders and their families
- 1.10 Maintain Geospatial Information Systems application and capabilities for use at State EOC
- 1.11 Continue to develop and maintain resource logistics database

Goal 2 Strengthen local, regional and state incident response and contingency plans for all-hazards events

- 2.1 Finalize review process, formally adopt and distribute the DEMHS Catastrophic Disaster Plan
- 2.2 Continue to develop annexes of the DEMHS Catastrophic Disaster Plan
- 2.3 Strengthen CBRNE Awareness by training all categories of response personnel
- 2.4 Continue to provide agencies and organizations responsible for WMD mass casualty response with appropriate personal protection, decon and communications equipment
- 2.5 Maintain mobile mass decontamination capabilities in CT
- 2.6 Continue to maintain decontamination capability of hospitals
- 2.7 Continue to maintain and revise as necessary, the Statewide Emergency Medical Services Mobilization Plan
- 2.8 Ensure all personnel with responsibilities for CBRNE mass casualty response (including victim treatment) are trained to the appropriate level
- 2.9 Continue to equip, organize, train and operationalize the USAR team
- 2.10 Continue to equip, train and operationalize the Regional Hazmat Teams
- 2.11 Establish training standards for Regional Hazmat Teams
- 2.12 Continue to develop a system to track and maintain the vaccination or prophylaxis status of public health responder in compliance with the PHIN (Public Health Information Network)
- 2.13 Improve and maintain the inter- and intra-state mutual aid agreements to support the public health and healthcare system response to all hazards incidents
- 2.14 Strengthen the surveillance system used by hospitals, clinics, emergency medical services systems, and poison control centers to report syndromic and diagnostic data that is suggestive of terrorism or other highly infectious disease to their local and State Health Departments on a 24 hour, 7 day per week basis
- 2.15 Maintain a 100-bed mobile hospital to be deployed if required, in the event of an emergency
- 2.16 Maintain the system for advanced registration and credentialing of clinicians needed to augment a hospital or other medical facility for patient/victim care and increased surge capacity of needs
- 2.17 Maintain a rapid and effective hospital laboratory services program capable of responding to terrorism and other public health emergencies
- 2.18 Develop and implement SEOP (State Emergency Operations Plan) that interfaces with the National Response Framework (NRF), Regional Emergency Support Plans (RESPs) and local emergency operations plans (LEOPs) (note: change to State Response Framework)
- 2.19 Continue to develop legislative package consistent with DEMHS strategic plans, goals, initiatives and objectives
- 2.20 Enhance regional maritime planning, integration of marine patrol and response operations, surveillance and detection capabilities for maritime critical infrastructure and key resources
- 2.21 Improve and maintain the intra-state, inter-state and international mutual aid systems to support response to all-hazard incidents
- 2.22 Continue to participate in the Department of Homeland Security's Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (NY, NJ, CT and PA)
- 2.23 Maintain and keep current all MOUs with emergency preparedness partner agencies
- 2.24 Develop and maintain State-wide Cyber Security Response Plan

- Goal 3 Improve critical incident management and response through the implementation and use of the NIMS**
- 3.1 Maintain the REPT structure in all five DEMHS regions to strengthen all-hazards planning efforts
 - 3.2 Maintenance of RESPs (Regional Emergency Support Plan)
 - 3.3 Further develop a traffic management planning protocol that identifies how to conduct a mass evacuation
 - 3.4 Ensure the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) are ready to be implemented for an all-hazards incident
 - 3.5 Strengthen statewide preparedness by involving all state responding agencies and acute care hospitals in an EOC exercise annually.
 - 3.6 Develop and maintain Five Regional IMTs (Incident Management Team)
 - 3.7 Maintain the Regional Hazmat Teams to ensure that all communities have access to a Hazmat Team in the event of an emergency
 - 3.8 Enhance understanding of Emergency Management and Homeland Security issues including: Statutory Authorities and Responsibilities, Memoranda of Agreement, Advisory Bulletins and Grant Programs
- Goal 4 Secure each towns' leadership commitment and adequate sustainable funding for emergency management and homeland security capabilities**
- 4.1 Maintain and further develop partnerships at the Federal/Regional/Local level and with the private sector to maximize and coordinate resources applied to the objectives of the DEMHS State-wide Strategy
 - 4.2 Maintain and support the REPT structure in all five DEMHS regions to strengthen all-hazards planning efforts
 - 4.3 Continue to require REPT approval on Regional Spending Plans annually
- Goal 5 Enhance a statewide telecommunications infrastructure and protocol that will allow for timely, efficient and cost effective communications**
- 5.1 Continue to enhance the Statewide Emergency Telecomm Infrastructure utilizing the State of Connecticut Enhanced Public Safety Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)
 - 5.2 Continue to prepare and maintain a TIC (Tactical Interoperable Communications) Plan for each of the five DEMHS regions
 - 5.3 Maintain and enhance interconnectivity of Public Safety Answering Points, communication systems and identifying public safety facilities
 - 5.4 Maintain Regional Mobile Communications Vehicles (MCV)
 - 5.5 Enhancement and migration of Regional Communications Systems to 700 MHz while maintaining current capabilities
 - 5.6 Establish and maintain a multi-modal system to alert the public to actual and potential emergency situations
 - 5.7 Promote the use of HSIN as an information sharing tool
- Goal 6 Enhance public safety through hardening of critical infrastructure sectors**
- 6.1 Implement ACAMS as a tool to compile and maintain a detailed inventory of critical assets within the State
 - 6.2 Strengthen coordinated planning efforts and information flow between federal, state and local and private sector
 - 6.3 Continue to develop mitigating strategies to improve and harden existing critical assets and harden new assets during design and construction
 - 6.4 Develop cyber infrastructure risk assessment and remediation plan for State Agencies
 - 6.5 Continue to develop and maintain cyber incident response process
 - 6.6 Ensure that all personnel with cyber incident response capabilities are trained to the appropriate level
 - 6.7 Establish SCIRT (State Computer Security Incident Response Team) to rapidly identify, contain and recover from any attack or attempt to disrupt the State's critical IT infrastructure
 - 6.8 Develop and sustain a CI/KR (Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources) Working Group
 - 6.9 Develop and maintain State-wide Cyber Security Response Plan
- Goal 7 Maintain and enhance the State's training program for all-hazards preparedness**
- 7.1 Develop a systematic process to enroll, train and track first responders
 - 7.2 Continue to develop training programs that address local and regional training needs
 - 7.3 Develop and implement a HSEEP compliant exercise program that addresses all-hazard incidents on local, state critical infrastructure
 - 7.4 Strengthen CT's ability to prevent and respond to WMD incidents
 - 7.5 Continued support of the NEDTC (New England Disaster Training Center) to enhance health and medical readiness
 - 7.6 Integrate cyber security into homeland security exercise to help reduce network vulnerabilities and minimize the severity of cyber attacks

Goal 8 Strengthen information collection, analysis and sharing systems to prevent and mitigate terrorism incidents

- 8.1 Improve and standardize the collection of information
- 8.2 Strengthen the analysis of intelligence
- 8.3 Improve the intelligence sharing process
- 8.4 Strengthen the operational capabilities of the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC)
- 8.5 Establish and maintain a CTIC Working Group

Goal 9 Strengthen the State's resiliency through coordination with response and recovery partners

- 9.1 Strengthen coordination with recovery agencies and organizations
- 9.2 Maintain DEMHS Disaster Assistance Administrative Plans and Handbooks
- 9.3 Continue outreach and training programs on Damage Assessment Data Collection for locals
- 9.4 Maintain the Private Public Sector Collaborative Committee as a subcommittee of the State-wide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council
- 9.5 Continue to develop annexes of the DEMHS Catastrophic Disaster Plan
- 9.6 Establish and maintain a Working Group of the Regional Collaboration Subcommittee on Mass Care
- 9.7 Maintain the DEMHS COOP Plan and promote COOP planning for locals, private sector and State partners
- 9.8 Maintain and keep current all MOUs with emergency preparedness partner agencies

Goal 10 Engage the general public, educational systems, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and private sector in all- hazards prevention, planning, response and recovery

- 10.1 Continue to engage the general public by promoting the development of family emergency plans and conducting exercises
- 10.2 Create and implement a public awareness campaign aimed at engaging the general public in emergency management and homeland security awareness
- 10.3 Develop and implement public education and risk communications plans that address public health and behavioral health issues
- 10.4 Maintain the Private Public Sector Collaboration Committee as a subcommittee of the State-wide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council
- 10.5 Encourage local and private sector partners to enhance their cyber security capabilities



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



Current Operational Status of CT-TF1 - DEPLOYABLE

September 9, 2010

From: Brian J. Toolan, US&R Coordinator

Subject: DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting

News:

- September 1, 2010, the annual loyalty oath was given to the current and new Task Force members. There were 37 new members and 9 members who have returned to the team after extended leave of absences. In total 122 Task Force members received the Loyalty Oath last week.
- September 8, 2010, A 19'x35' western shelter was put up on the grounds of the Veterans Home in Rocky Hill to assist them with their annual outreach to homeless veterans.
- 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.
- On September 14-16, 2010 42 Task Force members will be taking the FEMA Wide Area Search course at our Brainard Training Facility. The course is being instructed by TEEX and will prepare the team to conduct organized searches in disaster area's that affect a large geographical area.
- The Task Force will be sponsoring a canine certification course from October 3 – October 10, 2010 at the CT Fire Academy. The Task Force will have two Handlers and their dogs attend the course to receive certification, bringing our canine roster to 6. FEMA requirement for deployment is 4 dogs.
- The Task Force will be completing their confined space technician refresher on October 23rd utilizing a newly constructed tunnel the MDC has built in Hartford.
- On November 9, 2010 the Task Force will be conducting a full deployment drill to Middletown in order to test our missing persons search capabilities as well as a tension high line refresher.

Presentations:

- September 24, 2010 East Lyme Public Safety Day
- September 27, 2010 Valley Shore Fire Chiefs Meeting
- October 2, 2010 Middletown South District Open House

Future Items:

- Assessment of Cache – Begin to look at equipment upgrade and replacement of the equipment having a shelf life.
- Planning for a 24 hour deployment drill in April 2011
- Assessment of upcoming training needs – Swift Water Rescue course

**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**

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2010-2015 STATE-WIDE STRATEGY

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| 1 | P 64 | Strengthen the capabilities of emergency responders in identifying and responding to an all-hazards incident |
| 2 | P 68 | Strengthen local, regional and state incident response and contingency plans for all-hazards events |
| 3 | P 61 | Improve critical incident management and response through the implementation and use of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) |
| 4 | P 96 | Secure each town's leadership commitment and adequate sustainable funding for emergency management and homeland security capabilities |
| 5 | P 40 | Enhance a statewide telecommunications infrastructure and protocol that will allow for timely, efficient and cost effective communications |
| 6 | P 38 | Enhance public safety through hardening of critical infrastructure sectors |
| 7 | P 55 | Maintain and Enhance the State's training program for all-hazards preparedness |
| 8 | P 82 | Strengthen information collection, analysis and sharing systems to prevent and mitigate terrorism incidents |
| 9 | P 67 | Strengthen the State's resiliency through coordination with response and recovery partners |
| 10 | P 72 | Engage the general public, educational systems, non-governmental organizations (NGO) and private sector in all-hazards prevention, planning, response and recovery |

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