

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Council
Advisory Committee Minutes
May 21, 2009

Attendees: Bill Austin (Chair); Roy Piper (DEMHS); Don Janelle (Manchester); Katherine McCormack (CR-MRC); Joel Severance (Region 2); Sylvia Dake (Town of Andover); Ted Janelle (Southington Fire); Art McLean (American Legion); Melon Wedick (CCRPA); Ernest Heidelberg (Westport CERT); Virginia Mason (COGCNV); Michael Berry (New Britain Fire); Viola Heath (CRCOG)

Chairman Bill Austin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. followed by pledge of allegiance and introductions of all present.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve April 16, 2009 meeting minutes was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Virginia Mason. All in favor so voted.

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker.

Report on State DEMHS Coordinating Council Meeting: Chairman Austin referred the Council to the May 14, 2009 DEMHS Coordinating Council meeting minutes and highlighted several items from the minutes.

Old Business:

- Statewide Operational Update: Updates and changes to CERT Pending Training, In Training, CERT Trained, NET Trained, and Personnel Trained lists were made.
- Correspondence: Chairman Austin read correspondence received to the group.
- Certificate of Appreciation for CERT: A motion to approve the Awards committee recommendations with a modification was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Joel Severance. All in favor so voted. **Modification: agent or recognized authority** to be added under Unit Citation.
- Statewide Citizen Corps Council Conference Committee Update: Chairman Austin reported the conference committee have already met two or three times and are presently waiting for a conference date confirmation from Mohegan Sun. Chairman Austin readdressed there would be a registration fee to attend this year's conference, \$35 for two days and \$25 for one day; due to this first time charge, Chairman Austin stated he anticipates a drop in attendance. Chairman Austin also stated he had located eleven other venues which the conference committee will review at their June 1st meeting.

New Business

- Region 2 Meeting: Chairman Austin attended a Region 2 meeting in North Haven to give a briefing on what Citizen Corps is currently doing. The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.
- NET Program: Art McLean, American Legion, updated the group on the progress of the NET program. The American Legion is beginning to do introductory presentations around the State. A presentation was made at Camp Rell with forty five people in attendance, a presentation will be made this evening in North Haven, and one will be made for the Statewide Citizen Corps Council at their June meeting.
- CERT Team Funding And Funding Requests:

Category A:

- **Litchfield Hills** – Approved for \$1,300 for basic CERT training for 20 people.
- **West Hartford** – Approved for \$1,900 for basic CERT training for 20 people, 10 with backpacks and 10 without.
- **Prospect** – Approved for \$1,000 for basic CERT training.

A motion to approve the category A request subject to checking Litchfield Hills was made by Joel Severance Seconded by Melon Wedick. All in favor so voted.

Category B:

- **Bristol CERT**– Approved for \$2,000 to purchase banners.
- **Farmington Woods CERT** – Approved for \$1,100 to purchase ID apparel and equipment.
- **Manchester CERT** – Approved for \$2,000 to purchase team jackets.
- **Wolcott CERT** –Approved for \$1,838 to purchase equipment
- **Killingworth CERT** – Approved for \$900 to purchase jerseys and ID equipment

A motion to approve these Category B requests was made by Virginia Mason Seconded by Ernest Heidelberg. All in favor so voted.

Category C:

No Category C requests.

Suspense Removed:

None

Suspended Applications:

Category A: Torrington for fire rehab. Chairman Austin will write and inform Torrington that best place for application could be Fire Corps.

Other Business:

- Connecticut Citizen Corps Council Grant Application Guidelines: Chairman Austin handed out copies of the recently approved Connecticut Citizens Corps Council Grant Application Guidelines dated April 16, 2009.
- CERT Weekend: CERT Weekend will be held September 26 and 27 at the Connecticut Fire Academy, Windsor Locks.
- Manchester CERT Team: The Manchester CERT team has accrued 4,500 volunteer hours and has recently been successful in the rescue of lost children in the woods along with several activations.
- RESF-16: Sylvia Dake announced that she, along with Holly Jacobson will be the Co Chairs for RESF-16.
- Westport CERT: Westport CERT are working on pet handling, they have completed Shelter management/operations and will assist with traffic control at the parade.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be at West Hartford Town Hall, Council Chambers 2:00 p.m. June 18, 2009

Future Meeting dates: July 23, 2009, August (no meeting), September 17, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009