

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Camp Rell, East Lyme, Connecticut
September 8, 2005

ATTENDEES: Debra Arrieta, DEMHS; William Austin, CREPC; Richard Bailey, DOIT; Brenda Bergeron, DEMHS; Leonard Boyle, DPS; Peter Boynton, USCG; Sandra Brown, Hartford Hospital; Mario Bruno, American Red Cross; Matt Bruns, CREPC; Joel Cogen, CCM; Wayne F. Dailey, DMHAS; Joe Danao, CNG; Kristin Dean, CRCOG; Scott DeVico, DEMHS; Douglas Dortenzio, Wallingford PD; Mike Edgerton, USCG; Marian Evans, Bridgeport Health Dept; Kerry Flaherty, DEMHS; Thomas Flaherty, POSTC; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Libby Graham, DEMHS; Betsy Hard, Bloomfield PD; Bob Labanara, CCM; John Leonard, DEMHS; Michael Maglione, Waterbury FD; Thad Martin, CTMD; James Mona, CT-DOT; Jeffrey Morrissette, CFPC; Jim O'Leary, COST; Bill Palomba, DPUC; Debra Pasquale, American Red Cross; Douglas Pesce, USDHS; Raymond Philbrick, DPW; William Podgorski, DPS; Susan Rainville, POSTC; Mukesh Roy, YNHHS; Wayne Sandford, DEMHS; Michael Spera, Old Saybrook; Carl Stephani, CCRPA; James Thomas, DEMHS; Michael Varney, DOIT; Edward Wilds, DEP.

I. WELCOME

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 9:12 a.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Introduction by Thaddeus Martin of facility at Camp Rell
- D. Introduction of Attendees

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- A. Motion made to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2005 meeting.
 - Moved by Commissioner Boyle, seconded by Chief Austin. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

- A. Distribution and discussion of letter from Carl Stephani, President of the CT Association of Regional Planning Organizations
 - Regions would like to combine efforts for training, planning and exercises. Would like to receive funding and then contract with DEMHS for services.
 - Deputy Commissioner Sandford handed out and discussed Revised Regional Response System Plan (see below), which addresses issues raised in Mr. Stephani's letter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Regional Plan discussion. Deputy Commissioner Sandford reported that \$1.4 million was allocated. Each region would have an emergency plan committee, with a series of subcommittees by discipline. Each emergency support function would be represented by a sub-committee. All members in a region will have opportunity to participate.

Comments were made by Joel Cogen of CCM regarding the budget for DEMHS and for the regions. Deputy Commissioner Sandford commented that DEMHS is looking for new positions in state budget. Governor is supportive of DEMHS planning and budget. Jim O'Leary

commented that Northwestern Connecticut has worked very well together as a region. Chief Dortenzio suggested that \$15,000 allocated to each RPO within each of the five regions be combined to encourage RPOs to work together. Deputy Commissioner Sandford agreed that DEMHS would like to support heading in that direction. Mr. Cogen expressed his opinion that the cost of the regional planning would be two times the \$1.4 million, although he will support the plan.

Motion to adopt regional boundaries proposal. Moved by Chief Austin. Seconded by Chief Hard.

Discussion of motion:

Chief Spera discussed certain gaps he sees between the RPOs and the regions created in the plan. Chief Austin stated that he thinks that people shouldn't be chasing the funds—that should be a function of leadership. Chief Hard stated that she likes the amended plan, and discussed some further issues of concern to her, including the need to add an organizational chart and a mission statement.

Chief Hard proposed a friendly amendment to the motion. Seconded by Mr. O'Leary. Revised motion to approve revised regional boundaries plan, with 5 regions receiving funding once there is a clear mission statement, organizational chart and regional model for the 5 regions.

Motion approved unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CT Response to Hurricane Katrina
- B. Presentation by American Red Cross by Mario Bruno, Debra Pasquale
- C. Presentation by CT National Guard 14th Civil Support Team by General Thad Martin, Lt. Col. Joe Danao, presenter.
- D. Review of State Homeland Security Strategy FY 06, presented by Jack Leonard of DEMHS.

Motion to approve State Homeland Security Strategy FY 06. Moved by Chief Spera. Seconded by Chief Hard.

Discussion of motion:

Sandra Brown of Hartford Hospital wants to include hospitals and health care. Wayne Dailey of DMHAS stated that behavioral health needs to be embedded as well. Comments also by Chief Spera, Joel Cogen and Jim O'Leary (add evacuation.) Strategy to be modified as discussed.

Motion to approve Strategy with minor changes passed unanimously.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

VIII. NEXT MEETING:

- A. Thursday, October 13, 2005 – Brainard Field (subsequently changed to DOIT facilities in East Hartford.)