

**The Connecticut EMS Advisory Board
Emergency Preparedness Committee
MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2016
New Britain EMS**

Present: William Ackley – Committee Chair, Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS, Mark Franzese – Campion,
Tom Wimler – Durham EMS, Alex Morisano - NBEMS

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Call in : Brian Cournoyer - CHA, Joe Laucella - Jonathan Lillpopp – DPH/OEMS, Richard Kamin – DPH/OEMS,
Jonathan Best – DPH/OPHPR

1.0 Call to order

Chair Bill Ackley called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM at New Britain EMS Headquarters. Introductions were done and persons calling in were acknowledged.

2.0 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the July 2016 minutes were distributed; a motion was made to approve the minutes by Mark Franzese, seconded by Rich Kamin and approved unanimously.

3.0 Initiatives for discussion

• **Update Preparedness/Jonathan Best**

- Jon Best reported the focus currently is the Mass Fatality Program to be held in October. Jon gave an overview of the participants and the extensive planning process for the program.
- The infection control program, which was an Ebola deliverable, has been sent for review to the State Education and Training committee for review.
- Preparations are being done for several upcoming mass gatherings, the Hartford Marathon and the Rock Concert at Foxwoods. Field hospital components will be deployed at both.
- Jon spoke about requests for deployment of assets. Assets will be deployed as most applicable to the situation with consideration for adequate coverage statewide. Discussion followed on available assets and the procedures to request activation.

• **Trailer Sub-committee**

Alex Morisano reported NBEMS has completed an inventory of their trailer for Hartford Hospital in preparation of the Hartford Marathon. Bill Ackley asked Jon Best about plans to inventory the trailers, Jon replied OPHPR is still planning to go out to inventory and determine where expired equipment can be replaced.

• **OEMS**

Update from the Medical Director/Richard Kamin MD

Dr. Kamin reported:

- Statewide Protocols have been rolled out and are available on line at the DPH/OEMS website on line tools are being developed including a bank of questions for testing.
- The 2017 equipment list is being finalized.
- CEMSMAC is moving ahead with a quality assurance process to be used as a state standard.
- The presumption of death process is under revision.

Bill Ackley noted that Rich Kamin has been appointed by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) as representative of the National Association of State EMS Officials on a task force that will serve as a resource for ACEP and work on unifying the process and development of high threat medical/critical incidents medical response. The first meeting of the task force will at the ACEP annual meeting. Discussion followed on the focus the task force.

- **Active Assailant**

Bill Ackley has forwarded Version 8.1/ August 2016, *Community Planning and Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents* for review, he would like to finalize the draft and move forward. Discussion followed with Dr. Kamin questioning the utility of referencing Sandy Hook in the document, the acronym THREAT and the singular reference of the Hartford Consensus documents. Discussion followed with consensus of the group to have the Hartford Consensus as one resource and rewriting page 7 as agreed by the group with multiple references. The Conclusion was reviewed and Bill Ackley will work on a rewrite as discussed. Once Bill has completed all the changes, he will redistribute the document as Version 8.2.

- **Mass Gatherings**

Bill Ackley distributed multiple mass gathering documents by email to the group in preparation for today's meeting including, 2016 Redacted 2016 Stamford Fireworks EMS Mass Gathering Plan, CEMSMAC Statewide Recommendations For Mass Gathering Event Planning (Approved 09/14/06), Mass Gathering Event Planning letter to EMS Service Chief's from Commissioner J. Robert Galvin (05/16/07), Greenwich Stand-by Guidelines Mass Gathering and Athletic Events planning guidance and Public Act No. 08-184. Discussion followed on IAP's, communications and development of a statewide guideline for mass gatherings. Information gathered by Mark Franzese was included in the send. Bill asked the group to review the documents and share other information and resources they have. Discussion followed on past attempts to update legislation concerning mass gatherings and how to move forward with legislative initiatives.

Mark Franzese asked if it is reasonable to suggest our group work on EMS at public and mass gatherings and utilize those on the committee from police and fire to help with other areas. Mark spoke about the Response in Hazardous Conditions document developed by the group and how initially it became too large to be practical. Bill Ackley would like a planning process that allows the communities, public safety agencies and event producers to determine their needs. He spoke about the success in Stamford having everyone come together in planning. Tom Wimler likes the document distributed that lists recommendations for various size and types of events, which could be used as a guide to drive when agencies need to meet for planning.

Discussion followed on how to move forward included developing a concept and defining goals, reviewing existing state regulations and documents and reaching out to DEMHS, CSP and the Fire Marshalls for their input. Rich Kamin spoke about the importance of having the right people involved. Bill Ackley emphasized the need to identify EMS needs and what issues have been encountered in the past before we approach other stakeholders.

Bill Ackley asked the group to identify issues and send them and ideas they may have to Mark Franzese who will begin the process of collating information.

- **Other**

- Bill Ackley will integrate the changes discussed into the *Community Planning and Response to Active Assailant & Hybrid Targeted Violence Incidents* document and redistribute it to the group by next Tuesday.
- Bill Ackley asked if the current meeting schedule is working for the group, after discussion it was decided to have the meetings remain on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30AM at New Britain EMS.
- Bill Ackley gave an overview of a recent TECC course held that had over 40 attendees, 7 people also became instructors. There was discussion on the course containing good information but Rich Kamin cautioned the certification is not recognized in Connecticut.
- Alex Morisano reported active assailant training was conducted recently at CCSU, which New Britain Police, CCSU Police and New Britain EMS participated in.

4.0 Events/Exercises

- **TEEX Medical Preparedness Response to Bombing Incidents - MGT 438 Program -TEEX – September 17th and 18th - class is nearly full with a capacity of 70.**
- **R1 REPT Special Ops Field Day – Sherwood Island – September 26, 2016.**
- **When Terror Strikes – The 2015 Paris Attacks – originally planned for October may need to be rescheduled due to funding questions.**
- **Mass Fatality Exercise - October 24th through 28th, 2016. Jon Best noted he will be seeking volunteers for the week before to assist with set up. One of the lunchtime lectures will be a presentation by the Chief of INTERPOL on the Brussels airport bombing, there are seat limitations.**

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds

OEMS Region 2 Coordinator