

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen
Corps-CERT
COGCNV Offices
60 North Main Street
Waterbury, CT
March 8, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Present: Roy Piper, DEMHS Region 5; Ken Hanks, Chair, Naugatuck; Shane Lockwood, Pomperaug Health District, Southbury; Fred Spagalo, Waterbury Police Department; David Hardt, Emergency Management, Watertown; Chet Sergey, LEPC, Wolcott; Richard Stubbs, American Red Cross; Scott Pelletier, Oxford; Adam Rinko, Waterbury; Paul Perrotti, Middlebury; Jamie Cahill and John Vess, Reverse 911.

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:09 P.M. Introductions were made for Reverse 911 guests.

Mason reported that Lieutenant Kris Nelson had been hurt in the line of duty this week.

Reverse 911 explained their program. This is a hardware system approved by DEMHS. Costs were not included except that each year after the first year the fee is 12% of the total original cost. White page and unlisted numbers are included but cell phones would have to be self-submitted. There is a mass call option. Data is geocoded using ESRI software. There is 24/7 customer support. The estimate will include hardware, software, installation and training. Packets will be sent to each municipality not in attendance.

Mason reported that our 2006 grant has still not received written approval from DEMHS, and they are saying within two weeks again. She noted that the 2007 application may back off total regionalization due to pressure from the Fairfield County area.

The 2004 CERT funds were discussed. Thomaston would like to buy some shelter supplies and Virginia will contact Jack Leonard to see if this can be done. Shane Lockwood mentioned that Southbury would like to buy ham antennas to keep its EOC in contact with its ham CERT group. A discussion was held about Woodbury's proposal to spend its money on cots. Roy Piper will see if any cots are available from the state so that the CERT money could be used elsewhere. All CERT money in this grant must be expended by March 31. Scot Pelletier moved and Adam Rinko seconded a motion to seek CERT 2004 funding in accordance with the existing budgets and allow Wolcott and Naugatuck to spend any remainder. Mason will work on this next week and submit a revised application to DEMHS.

The regional CERT exercise will be held June 2nd and will be a search and rescue event with traffic control, triage, etc.

Roy Piper explained in more depth about the Governor's requirement to update EOPs by June 1st. The update can be used to make everything NIMS compliant. He has sent a checklist to each municipality on what they need to do. All plans should be submitted electronically or can be scanned. Roy also reminded people to sign up for the May 1st CCM/DEMHS conference. He noted that the March 27th conference has over 100 people registered and seems to be going well.

Mason noted that the June 13th Regional Exercise on communication is moving forward. Towns will be surveyed to see who will participate.

Chet Sergey offered to bring in a dog search and rescue team as next month's speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Mason