

## **Minutes**

### **Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps- CERT**

**Watertown Fire House**

**Watertown, CT**

**November 8, 2007**

**5:00 P.M.**

Present: Ken Hanks, Chair, Naugatuck Fire Department; Richard Mortensen, Prospect Emergency Management Advisory Council, Prospect; David Hardt, Asst Fire Chief, Watertown; Chet Sergey, LEPC, Wolcott; Fran Dambowsky, OEM, Naugatuck; Richard Stubbs, Red Cross, Waterbury Area; John Mancini, Assistant Fire Chief and CT USAR; Waterbury

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Richard Mortensen was introduced representing Prospect.

Virginia discussed the 2006 funding. Waterbury's LETPP grant has been received and is awaiting a purchase order or other documentation before distributing the check. Middlebury's funds for a base station have also been received by COGCNV. There was discussion about Naugatuck and Watertown's issues with the high band radio license. Virginia will follow up with DEMHS. Virginia announced that the 2007 grant application has been approved and the next step is to send out an RFP to hire a consultant to do the Region 5 SWOT and work on the spending plan by ESF.

John Mancini brought the group up to date on the Urban Search and Rescue training issues now that the training reimbursement for firefighters has been used up. He needs answers to the following questions:

Is there reimbursement for technical rescue and other training which is ODP approved?

Is it eligible for backfill and overtime for career and volunteer personnel under the 06 and 07 (if in the plan) budgets?

What is the system for volunteers? Can they get paid for their time when at training?

Virginia will contact DEMHS on this issue as soon as possible.

She also reported that Commissioner Thomas had called her about the Citizen Corps security checks. Unfortunately, she was not in the office. He has turned the issue over to Brenda who had offered to come to the December CNVEPC meeting. Those present do want her to attend so Virginia will confirm.

She noted that Sue Webster had contacted her about being involved in Code Red on a regional level. Currently, Woodbury, Naugatuck, Wolcott, Prospect 's Board of Education, Oxford, and Watertown are participating in Code Red or looking into it. Ken will contact Sue to discuss further.

Virginia reminded everyone of the Citizen Corps/CERT conference on November 20<sup>th</sup> at Mohegan Sun. Go to [www.CRCOG.org](http://www.CRCOG.org) to register.

Dave Hardt offered a tour of the new fire house after the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason