

Minutes

Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-CERT Watertown Fire House Watertown, CT February 7, 2008 5:00 P,M,

Present: Ken Hanks, Chair, Naugatuck; Richard Mortensen, Prespect; Shane Lockwood, Pomperaug Health, Southbury; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Janet Morgan, Fire Marshall, and Charlie Rutledge, Woodbury; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Sue Webster, Northwest Connecticut Public Safety

Guests: Barbara Buddington, Region 5 Consultant; Brenda Bergeron, Esq. DEMHS

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Since Brenda had not yet arrived, Barbara Buddington began with an overview of how the SWOT presentation will work. There will be SWOT analysis done for at least three areas at the RPO regional level: Fire, Police, and Public Works. Some committees which only exist on the Region 5 level, such as Animal Control and Mass Care, will perform the SWOT analysis only at the Region 5 level. Barbara discussed her first meeting with the Northwest Public Safety Task Force Public Works group and a the upcoming meeting on February 21st at 9 o'clock in Southbury of the public works group of the combined Housatonic and CNV public work departments. She will be working with Scott Pelletier and Charlie Dobson of the Waterbury Fire Chiefs to hold a CNR SWOT analysis for this region's fire departments. Chief Christopher Edsen of Naugatuck will help set a meeting for the CNV police departments. The EMS SWOT will be held on February 14th.

Brenda Bergeron discussed several issues that the group was interested in: the required annual loyalty oath of CERT members, the intrastate mutual aid system and its "opt out" provision, a summary of legislative changes from last year, and upcoming legislation being sought by DEMHS (availability of 911 data). She also noted that municipalities must keep good records if they want reimbursement for backfill and overtime as well as insurance protection.

Virginia handed out a sheet showing the present totals available by town for the 2006 grant monies. She knows of more funds, mostly for CodeRED, which will be requested shortly. The committee requested that she seek an extension until June 30, 2008. On a motion from Janet Morgan, seconded by Chet Sergey, it was approved.

Virginia handed out the revised Communications section. Not all the changes submitted were included in the draft, and she will revise again. There was discussion about endorsement of CodeRED for the COGCNV meeting on February 8th. The consensus of the group was to endorse for the COGCNV board. She discussed the JAGLLE grants for

800 mhz radios which COGCNV is applying for to serve Middlebury, Thomaston, Naugatuck, Wolcott, and Watertown. It is only available for these municipalities.

Concerning Citizen Corps, Virginia noted that CERT 2005 funds were procured for Southbury, Naugatuck, Wolcott, Woodbury, and Thomaston's. Items included identification equipment and ham radios. She noted that requests for CERT funds must come through this committee. Janet Morgan noted that Woodbury plans to begin their second CERT team soon. Chet Sergey reported that his CERT team meets bi-monthly and is taking a full CPR class.

In other regional business, Virginia updated the group on the pre-disaster mitigation planning going on in Southbury, Bethlehem, Middlebury, Thomaston, Beacon Falls, and Naugatuck. She also highlighted the Financial Resource Seminar held by DEMHS this morning which she and Barbara attended. Virginia asked if the Committee wants to exercise the plan to a greater extent than last June. Ken pointed out that planning would take about 9 to 12 months. The Committee asked her to get an exercise in the pipeline. Virginia also noted that COGCNV is willing to work with any town on Debris Management. Call Jeff Cormier at COGCNV to arrange.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason