

Minutes

Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-CERT Watertown Fire House Watertown, CT March 13, 2008 5:00 PM

Present: Ken Hanks, Chair, Naugatuck; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Shane Lockwood, Pomperaug Health, Southbury; Adam Rinko, Waterbury; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Charlie Rutledge, Woodbury; Richard Stubbs, ARC; Sue Webster and Steve Savage, Northwest Connecticut Public Safety

Guests: Barbara Buddington, Region 5 Consultant; George Pohorilak, CT. DPS-OSET

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Introductions were made.

George Pohorilak of the Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications spoke about the state's plans for meeting the Governor's request for reverse 911 availability throughout the state. He noted that legislation has also been submitted to make 911 numbers available to the municipalities; these will need mous on unlisted numbers. This will add 3 or 4 cents to consumers' phone bills. The state has not yet determined whether or not they will support one vendor, allow municipalities to continue with their present vendors, or what. George feels that all companies have vulnerabilities, and multiple servers may offer more security. The ability to "opt out" has not been determined. He offered to come back to our meeting as things progress. The role of the PSAPS was also discussed. There is a \$250,000 for regionalization for each participating municipality.

Virginia passed around the latest information on the 2006 grant and told the group that DEMHS has emailed her that the grant extension had been approved until December 31, 2008. Only Southbury had made no grant request.

Barbara Buddington brought the group up to date on the progress of the 2007 grant process. As of Wednesday next week, all SWOTs will be completed and the results will be on the COGCNV.org website, under Services/Emergency planning. She noted that transportation and communications continue to be major issues. She and Virginia noted that this group needs to do a SWOT of its own to develop projects that the CNVR could benefit from.

Concerning Citizen Corps, Virginia noted that the CNVEPC/CITIZEN CORPS had received a grant to hold a regional exercise this spring. Tom Vannini will coordinate the event. The group consensus was for a search and rescue exercise.

Virginia reported that she met with Roy Piper and the Region 5 Trainer to discuss the next regional exercise. It will take place in November, probably the week before

Thanksgiving. The group responded favorably to the idea of blowing up the mixmaster. They felt it would affect everyone. The group will begin planning the activity. Virginia reported on the Coordinating Council meeting held this morning. She noted that the state is seeking \$0.5 million to update EOCs statewide at a rate of 40 per year. These \$10,000-15,000 grants for equipment will require no local match and will provide upgrading training and EOC certification. There are several upcoming events which people may be interested in. The May 15th CCM conference, the March 27th School Security Conference at CCSU, and the Commodities Distribution Exercise on June 10, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason
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