

Minutes

Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-CERT Watertown Fire House Watertown, CT April 10, 2008 5:00 PM

Present: Ken Hanks, Chair, and Fran Dambowsky, Naugatuck; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Richard Crane, Woodbury; ;Steve Savage, Northwest Connecticut Public Safety

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Virginia discussed the meetings which have been occurring on the FY2007 Region 5 DEMHS grant, Stage One. She sought information on who in this region had Salamander equipment, and the response was that only Waterbury and Woodbury have machines to make the ID tags. She noted that she and Ken will be meeting with CNV ESF chairs, Barbara Buddington, and others tomorrow to prioritize the requests for funding. On a motion of Richard Mortenson and seconded by Fran Dambowsky, it was unanimously approved to support the projects submitted by the CNV ESFs for the 2007 grant. Virginia mentioned that Resource Typing is complete for Oxford, Prospect, Thomaston, Watertown, and Wolcott. Most other municipalities are awaiting EMS response.

She 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 June 30, 2008 – not December 31. Southbury still has not made a grant request. Dave Hardt discussed the need of Watertown to receive \$500 of the \$2,000 regional pot for its CodeRED system. On a motion of Dick Crane, seconded by Richard Mortenson, it was unanimously passed to allocate \$500 additional funds to Watertown for its CodeRED system.

Virginia reported that the committee to plan the regional exercise has met again. It had been suggested that a functional exercise be planned around the proposed St. Mary's two-day fully functional exercise which will occur sometime this fall, instead of the mixmaster blow up. She noted that there will be a meeting on April 24th at 9 am with ConnDOT to discuss their evacuation plan for I-84.

Concerning Citizen Corps, Virginia noted that the CNVEPC/CITIZEN CORPS exercise planning committee had discussed various scenarios and were seeking input from the EPC on whether to hold an animal sheltering exercise or a search and rescue. The group felt that an animal shelter was a more likely scenario for the use of CERT teams. The exercise will be held on Saturday May, 31, 2008. Woodbury has been asked to be the site of the exercise.

Ken Hanks announced that Naugatuck, Middlebury, Wolcott, Thomaston, and Watertown Received a \$27,000 JAGLLE grant through OPM. They will each be receiving a minimum of 5 ITAC/ICALL radios.

A hurricane planning workshop for CEOs and EMDs was discussed and those present urged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason
Assistant Director