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Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps- CERT

Woodbury Emergency Services Building

25 Quassak Road, Woodbury, CT

May 8, 2008

5:00 P.M.

Present: Richard Stubbs, ARC, Waterbury; Fran Dambowsky, Naugatuck; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Ken Hanks, Chair, Naugatuck; Tom Romano, DEMHS trainer; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Scott Pelletier, Oxford; Steve Savage, NWCT Public Safety; Shane Lockwood, Pomperaug Health; Tom Vannini, DEMHS planner; Janet Morgan and Charlie Rutledge, Woodbury; Mark Casey, St. Mary's Hospital; Bob Kenny, DEMHS Region 5 Coordinator

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm and thanked Woodbury for their hospitality. Janet asked that the group meet their in June also and they agreed.

Introductions were made for the new Region 5 Coordinator, Bob Kenny. He spoke briefly about his role, the development of the spending plan, and Monday's REPT meeting which Roy Piper will also attend.

Tom Romano discussed the training procedures and what options we had for a regional exercise paid by DEMHS. Mark Casey described the two-day full scale exercise that St. Mary's has planned with the City of Waterbury. City streets within ½ mile of the hospital will be cordoned off during the exercise. The event will cost approximately \$120,000. The City's police and fire departments are cooperating, and the health department has donated this year's flu vaccine to serve as the pandemic flu vaccine. The planning committee is seeking \$30,000 more to run the exercise, hopefully this can come from DEMHS. The role of each municipality in opening its EOC and dealing with a coming crisis was discussed. This will not just be a City project. Shane said that the health and medical ESF had discussed the exercise and was in favor of it. He noted that preparations by the health departments, according to required guidelines, have been done over the last year to prepare for this. The EPC voted to endorse the exercise and participate.

Virginia noted that all CNVR municipalities, including Cheshire but excluding Beacon Falls and Bethlehem, are signing up with CodeRED for emergency notification systems. She is awaiting paperwork from Southbury.

Virginia passed out the 2006 Cash Advance Request Log. She has received no requests from Beacon Falls or Southbury to date. Currently, about \$7,700 is remaining assuming Southbury's CodeRED request is processed, and Thomaston spends its remaining \$6,124. Dave Hardt had mentioned to her that some of the remaining money could be used to supply the cots with new comfort kits at about \$5 per kit as DEMHS will not provide them. Bob will look into that. Ken Hanks suggested supporting the Regional Exercise. These decisions will be made at the June

EPC meeting when we know better what is remaining. She asked that other ideas be brought forward for the June meeting.

Virginia handed out the out of service contact information for ATT which George Pohorilak had promised. The region has two overseers as the state is listed by town.

Virginia promised to forward the spending plan to the EPC tomorrow electronically. She and Ken highlighted the projects which were unanimously approved by the Steering Committee. Our region's projects included the upgrades to the Waterbury Command Vehicle, which will become a regional resource, the CNVR law enforcement emergency plan, training funds, 4 Region 5 mobile message signs, Salamander scanners, and other items. The Housatonic Valley region sought support for its Fairfield County police radio system, and the Public Safety Task Force wanted a paid coordinator for its planning efforts. Hazmat also received funds as did Animal Sheltering. Virginia asked that everyone talk to their CEO and encourage them to attend Monday in Bantam or send an alternate.

Tom Vannini talked about the June 7th CERT training in pet sheltering to be held in Woodbury from 9 to 1. They will only run the program if 30 people sign up.

Virginia and Bob reported on the Coordinating Council meeting which was held that morning. She noted that the legislation to get ATT to provide free lists of phone numbers did not pass although it had no opposition. The committee asked her to get the bill numbers so that they could talk to their legislators (#5039 and 5040). She noted that DEMHS has been working on a child safety program for 4th graders called Disaster Dudes for release next year. DEMHS wants MOUs with municipalities which have the decon trailers before they do maintenance work on them. The Southbury Training school where Region 5 will be located after July 1st will also be the alternate state EOC.

Chet Sergey noted that Wolcott is holding a CERT search and rescue training on May 19th for those interested. The Ct. Canine will be involved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason
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