

## MINUTES

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

Woodbury Emergency Services Building

25 Quassak Road, Woodbury, CT

June 12, 2008

5:00 P.M.

Present: Ken Hanks, Chair of COGEPC, Assistant Fire Chief, Naugatuck; Richard Stubbs, ARC, Waterbury; Fran Dambowsky, EMD, Naugatuck; Richard Mortensen, Chair, LEPC, Prospect; Steve Savage, NWCT Public Safety; Shane Lockwood, Pomperaug Health; Tom Vannini, DEMHS planner; Charlie Rutledge, Assistant EMD, Woodbury; Bob Kenny, DEMHS Region 5 Coordinator; Jeremy Rodorigo, LEPC and Assistant EMD, Beacon Falls

Guest Speaker: James Spencer, Transportation Supervising Planner, ConnDOT

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Introductions were made. Ken thanked Jim Spencer for attending.

Jim explained that ConnDOT is working with DEMHS, DOIT and the DPS in developing a statewide road network which will provide a uniform statewide road network as the basis for GIS planning activities for everyone. Historically, sources of GIS data, purposes and updates varied resulting in a lack of control, different datasets, and no standard base. ConnDOT has entered into an agreement with TeleAtlas. He used an illustration from South Windsor to illustrate how the network and related information might be used to determine evacuation routes and how it adjusts for underpasses or closed roads. The final product will have dual carriageways, routing capabilities, and address ranges. The road network will eventually (2010 est.) be available to all communities. Jim's contact information is [James.Spencer@po.state.ct.us](mailto:James.Spencer@po.state.ct.us) or 869-594-2014.

Charlie Rutledge discussed a new weather feature available from Code RED. He noted that all town budgets are either passed or not open to new items so that the towns in the Region can not purchase this at this time. He and Ken are trying out the systems. He asked that the next meeting be in Woodbury. It was decided to cancel the July and August meetings unless significant business comes up.

Ken discussed the Flu-Ex08 planning which is underway. The scenario will be developed next Wednesday. Shane Lockwood, John B, Chet Sergey, Fred Spagnolo, John Bayusik of Waterbury Health Department, and Sue Webster of Northwest CT Public Safety are on the committee. COGCNV will supply the food for the event at the Hot Wash following. The exercise will not be Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program, but will follow it generally and will count as an exercise.

Virginia noted that there is over \$2,000 available to be spent of the 2006 funds. They must be purchased by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Several options were discussed. On a motion by Charlie Rutledge

seconded by Fran Dambrowsky, it was voted unanimously to buy comfort kits to replace those dumped due to Chinese toothpaste issues. Bob Kenny suggested that they be held separate from the cots as the kits will be purchased by regional, not state, funds. If there are funds remaining after that \$2,500 is expended, emergency management manuals, which Ken voluntarily helped develop, will be purchased.

Bob Kenny reported on the Region 5 Steering Committee and noted that the vote was for a 7 member Training Committee to be appointed by John Field and John Lawlor. Tom Romano has pointed out that more people will need to participate as the number of ESFs increases over time.

Shane Lockwood and Richard Stubbs talked about the June 7<sup>th</sup> CERT training in pet sheltering which was held in at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury on Saturday morning. The training was the first using both pets and humans for registration. Over 60 people attended and it went very well in spite of the heat. The Region 5 SART chairman and the CERT participants were pleased.

Virginia noted that Prospect wants to go forward with a Citizen Corps CERT team. On a motion by Fran Dambrowsky, seconded by Shane Lockwood, their application was approved. Virginia will submit it to the statewide committee.

Chet Sergey noted that Wolcott held a CERT search and rescue training on May 19<sup>th</sup> for those interested. The Ct. Canine will be involved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason  
COGCNV