

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-
CERT
Watertown Fire House
January 8, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Dick Mortensen, Prospect; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Richard Stubbs, ARC; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Fran Dambowski and Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Adam Rinko, Waterbury; Scott J. Pelletier, Oxford; Pete Applegarth, CodeRED

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Chairman Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Under Public Comment, Peter Applegarth spoke about new features of CodeRED and was available to answer questions. Several people pondered the lack of guidance from the State as to assistance with funding emergency notification systems.

Dave Hardt discussed two items. Having learned in detail how the Northwest Public Safety works, he is desirous of having a "resource manager" for this region or someone like Cheryl Assis. Virginia said that DEMHS will not fund staff, but that there was \$1.6 million "uncommitted in the 09 budget. On a motion by Dave, seconded by Scott, it was unanimously moved to apply for funds from this money to assist the Region in its emergency planning actions. Second, Dave spoke about the ease with which someone can gain detail interior layout of the homes of emergency managers and other from the web. He has opted out of the assessors' records in his town. He was no concerned with assessment figure or the bird's eye picture, but the interior plan as shown on the assessor's card. Chet Sergey suggested seeking exemptions for CEOs and LEPC committees. Dave has spoken with state legislators and will follow up on this.

Ken updated the group on the Regional Exercise planning which will be called Operation Gridlock. The Exercise is planned for April 17th prior to the CNVCOG meeting, if they so approve tomorrow.

From the Coordinating Council meeting today, Virginia reported that guidance will go out in February on municipalities which wish to have their 4th grades participate in the state emergency program and that FEMA staff from Region 1 will participate, according to Commissioner Sanford. There will also be a conference on School safety in April for the state. More detail will follow. The CCM/DEMHS/DPH conference will be May 12th, location to be determined. The Council also passed a document on Statewide Credentialing as a framework. More ESF input is needed.

There were no new Citizen Corps applications. Richard discussed Prospect's difficulties with getting its training started. They plan to hold a meeting in February of the people who have shown interest. Chet Sergey is expected to be trainer. Virginia reported that both Prospect's and Wolcott's applications were approved by the State Citizen Corps Committee.

Virginia passed out a spreadsheet on the last two year's attendance. It was decided that she will call the three town representative who have attend 1 meeting or fewer in that time to see if they are still interested. The importance of attendance was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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