

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-  
CERT  
Watertown Fire House  
March 12, 2009  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Michael Devine, Bethlehem; and Scott J. Pelletier, Oxford

**Staff:** Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

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

Virginia reported that DEMHS wants our 08 Spending Plan ready for review before April 30<sup>th</sup>. The CNVEPC discussed their priorities for the 08 plan. Their first priority was a trailer (est. \$8,500) to support emergency shelters with 100 cots, comfort kits, blankets, etc. for an estimated cost of \$50,000. Their other priority was a resource coordinator as NWPSTF has hired. The estimated cost for this position and related equipment and supplies is \$110,000.

There was lengthy discussion on the requirements of the PSIC grant and the short turn around time available. Steve Savage gave a history of the entire project and offered his help with filing out the forms. Scott Pelletier suggested Steve seek the assistance of the radio vendors who have much of the information.

Ken reported that the Regional Exercise planning committee is on track and will meet next week. The Exercise is planned for April 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the CNVCOG meeting at the Middlebury Fire House.

Concerning FY 2007 grant, Virginia reported that funds for the public works and HAZMAT training through the Steering Committee training committee had been sought.

From the Coordinating Council meeting today, Virginia reported that there was a presentation on the 09 grant due in August. She sat next to a DHS person who said that funding should be level for two years and then will be in competition with staffing the Coast Guard and TSA. There is a need to focus more on the all hazards needs. Other points covered include the expansion of the STEP program for school age children, the new Private Sector Committee with Hartford Hospital and the Red Cross, and the approval of the Credentialing Committee guidelines.

There were no new Citizen Corps applications. Chet Sergey asked if Wolcott is eligible to apply for another \$2,000 yet? Virginia said she will follow up and report to him. He also invited interested CERT teams to attend a free April 6<sup>th</sup> NIMS training for ICS 700 at the Wolcott Senior Center at 6:30 pm.

Concern was raised about the possible closing of the regional EMS office. On a motion by Chet, seconded by Scott, it was moved to support the Regional EMS office as in the past.

Virginia reported that Beacon Falls and Middlebury have passed their pre-disaster mitigation plans. Southbury, Thomaston, and Naugatuck remain to be approved shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason  
Assistant Director