

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps-
CERT
Watertown Fire House
June 11, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Rich Stubbs, ARC; Richard Mortensen, Prospect, Ken Hanks and Fran Dambowski, Naugatuck.

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Virginia reported that the draft budget for the 2008 grant process was endorsed at the REPT level with the elimination of the Salamander items and the movement of those funds to emergency notification. Due to the federal supplanting rule, no town which used its own funds to buy its emergency notification system, can get these funds.

The proposal to fund the shelter trailers (1-3) up to \$33,000 was discussed. Rich will forward the ARC guidelines to Chet, and he, Dave Hardt, and Rich Mortensen will develop three identical trailer/supplies specs. The group felt 10% of the shelter beds should be “oversized” to hold people up to 500 lbs. These will be located in Wolcott, Oxford, and either Prospect or Bethlehem, depending on a resolution by the CEOs at tomorrow’s COGCNV meeting.

The I-84 Diversion plan with an DEMHS funded, functional exercise will be our required regional project and exercise under the grant. The group asked if participation in Operation Gridlock counted as an annual exercise for the towns. Virginia said she would check.

At Ken Hanks’ request, the committee discussed the results of its survey on the future and the needs of the group. Two CEOs responded and six EPC members responded. There was a strong recommendation from several surveys that efforts be made to increase attendance. Staff will circulate a day/time survey to see for ideas for alternate month meeting dates. For those attending, the current time and place were adequate. A major positive was the sharing of information and ideas. Other suggestions included: brief training sessions in town halls; focus on money (to get equipment we need to do what we know needs to be done); money should follow the zone, not the ESF; good coordinated regional exercises; strength of issues to higher levels of governments; newsletter; calendar; total sharing of all minutes; reduction of work effort on surveys, lists, contact info, etc.; rotating locations of meetings or later meetings; continue outside presentations; serve food; assist towns in getting needed supplies; and use more subcommittee to accomplish work. Of those familiar with the draft regional plan, there was no problem with the zonal concept which builds on existing methods of operation. FYI – Our Duty Officer is the chair of the CNVEPC ESF 5, Dave Hardt. His contact information is Director of

Emergency Management, Town of Watertown, 424 Main Street, work phone = 860-945-5220, cell phone = 203-509-1780, home phone = 860-274-4918, fax =860-945-5223, and email hardt@watertownct.org or DRC0614@aol.com. Please use this information appropriately.

There were two CERT applications. Southbury's Ham CERT team proposed additional equipment which Ken reviewed and endorsed their selections. On a motion by Chet, seconded by Dave, the motion to approve passed. It was requested that when Southbury gets its frequency it be added to the Regional Plan and given to the others towns. Fran Dambowski proposed a new basic CERT team training course in Naugatuck for September. On a motion by Dick, seconded by Rich, the application was approved.

At the Coordinating Council meeting today, Virginia reported that there was a presentation by the Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition which was very well received. Other highlights of the meeting were discussed included approval of all DEMHS bills including the bill to get free 911 info monthly from ATT for *life threatening* emergencies only, the manual is complete on the incident management teams, The transportation security committee is looking for a co-chair, PDPH update is website on H1N1 on Wednesday's, MOUs for 08 application will be sent shortly, and there will be a FEMA REP Evaluators Course on July 20-24. At least 5 DEMHS staff are retiring and a dinner will be held in July. Virginia or Bob will forward information.

Under new business, Dave moved and Richard seconded a motion that the pledge of allegiance be recited at the beginning of meetings. The motion passed. Rich Stubbs described changes in reorganization coming next week to the ARC. He will share more when announced. The July meeting was cancelled unless needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason
Assistant Director