

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/
Citizen Corps-CERT
Watertown Fire House
February 11, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Michael Devine, Bethlehem; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Ken Hanks, and Fran Dambowsky, Naugatuck; Tom Vannini, DEMHS Region 5 Coordinator; Don Janelle, EMD, Manchester.

Staff: Joe Perrelli, Regional Planner

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Introductions were made. There was no public comment.

Joe Perrelli reported that there were no updates on the FY 07 grant. Dave Hardt reported that the trailers and cots that were purchased under the grant were delivered. Additional extra-large cots and comfort kits have been purchased. The FY 07 balance for ESF 5 is under \$1,000 now. Discussion followed about whether this would be enough to put together some shelter management kits.

Ken Hanks distributed contact information for Dan Thurston of the American Legion, who spoke at the January meeting.

Tom Vannini reported that the Region 5 office will be moving out of its Southbury Training School location to the Rowland Center in downtown Waterbury. The date of the move is still unknown.

Don Janelle, Manchester's EMD, talked about his experience working with the local CERT team. Their team brings together volunteers from a number of different backgrounds, including a Ham [radio] team, a mountain biking club, and a K-9 search-and-rescue team that can offer professional assistance. The CERT team has also focused on developing interview teams that are trained in effectively gathering information, while avoiding common problems associated with language and cultural differences. The Manchester CERT team mainly focuses its efforts on assisting with search-and-rescue efforts, but also makes itself available for other incidents and events. The general theme was to make your CERT team useful, so that it will be used, and members will stay interested and active.

On a motion by Fran Dambowsky, seconded by Chet Sergey, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Perrelli
Regional Planner