

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/
Citizen Corps-CERT
Watertown Fire House
May 13, 2010
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present: Michael Devine, Bethlehem; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Paul Gibb, NWPSTF

Staff: Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made. There was no public comment.

Virginia updated the group on the grants. The 07 grants is completed and submitted. A few items for SART are still coming in. She thanked Dave Hardt for his assistance, and he described what equipment was in each of the three locations. Watertown has the miscellaneous equipment and is expected to be dispatched to every incidence. It will be stored at the Police station. The Torrington and Ridgefield trailers contain various-sized animal crates. Dave thanked Tom Vannini and Dr. Cobelli for their help loading the trailer.

The first cash advance of the 08 grant is about half paid out and a second advance has been received. Virginia described some of the issues around the PSTF Coordinator position including oversight of his activities, duplication with other Region 5 personnel, and geographic extent of his work. This may vary by year of the grant. There is some difference of opinion as to who speak for the oversight committee and certainly the geography. Paul expressed his willing to talk to others outside the region and share his bulletins. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th at the COGCNV for the RPOs to discuss this issue.

Virginia mentioned that the 09 grant will require MOAs signed by the CEOs and are due to COGCNV by September 8th. The MOAs have not yet been forwarded by DEMHS, but will be distributed ASAP.

Concerning CERT, Southbury and Woodbury may run a joint class. Southbury is the applicant and is seeking a renewal of their grant. On a motion by Chet Sergey, seconded by Dave Hardt, It was moved to approve Southbury's request and forward it to the Citizen Corps Council. Ken remarked that Naugatuck will probably not run a second class at this time. Virginia handed out the information about the West Hartford CERT class which teaches about persons with limited functional abilities and how to treat them in emergencies. There is a \$50 transportation cost to these sessions. Chet Sergey mentioned that he has three people wanting training and they will probably go to the Bristol class. Prospect is looking at new dates to run a class.

Ken Hanks reported on the exercise planning which is planning a functional exercise for the regional building on what was done last April. TO Romano and Bob Christ are the state trainers involved. They will also be othe ones notifying us of an FEMA training going on while FEMA

is in the state for the presidentially-declared disaster in eastern and western CT. Virginia noted that all CNVR towns will be eligible for some of the 3% of funds available for ANY municipality in addition to the clean up funds. This HMPG funding is automatic when a presidentially declared disaster occurs. She distributed some of the material FEMA presented at the Coordinating Council meeting this morning. She also mentioned that June 29th and 30th, there would be meeting on the new EMPG grants which are shifting to a sub-grant process.

There was extensive discussion on the salamander system and how it should and would operate and who is responsible for various elements. Region 5 has put a lot of money in the system which is of a type the state still recommends. Middlebury, Woodbury and Waterbury have Salamander systems and are willing to assist other CNVR municipalities in getting their people IDed.

Virginia distributed 75 of the NET brochures and videos to Wolcott. She has additional copies at the office.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason
Assistant Director