

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/  
Citizen Corps-CERT  
Watertown Fire House  
July 29, 2010  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Michael Devine, Bethlehem; Dave Hardt, Watertown; Chet Sergey, Wolcott; Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Scott Pelletier, Oxford; and Tom Vannini, DEMHS Region 5 Coordinator

**Absent:** Steve Savage, NW CT Public Safety; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; John Lawlor, Waterbury; Janet Morgan, Woodbury

**Staff:** Virginia Mason, Assistant Director

Vice Chairman Hardt called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence held for the two Bridgeport firefighters who perished this week. There was no public comment.

Virginia presented a request from the COGCNV for a Category C grant to fund her at the statewide Citizen Corps Council and on its conference and policy committees. A motion was made by Scot Pelletier, seconded by Michael to approve the request. The motion passed. She also reported that the Citizen Corps Conference is September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and the state's CERT weekend is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Chet Sergey noted that staff had assisted Prospect with getting their new CERT team trained.

Tom Vannini updated the group on DEMHS Region 5 activities. He handed the keys to the Southbury office over to DMR today. He noted that the EMS Council had left equipment on the premises. The state has now hired the EMS coordinators as their employees. There are no radios including highband at the Waterbury office

Tom noted that there are three exercises coming up in the region: a functional for the CNVR on the mix-master, a diversion for the HV, and a commodities exercise for the NWPSTF. All will be according to HSEEP and follow the three tiered path. Virginia mentioned that the 09 grant had been submitted. The NWPSTF is holding training for commodities managers on September 21. It may be open to the region. It will be held in Torrington at the Senior Center or UCONN branch. August 14, there will be a ham drill with ARES and the Southbury Training School is receiving ICS and EOC training in November. He reported that EMPG grants are awaiting the Commissioner's signature and should be out within 2 weeks. Also, there will soon be calls for assessment of the damage from the storm of July 21<sup>st</sup>. There were some problems with getting trees out and power on in Sharon so in the future please call Tom if you have a problem. He knows where the resources are and can notify Hartford. Tom opened discussion on the updating of the Regional Plan. He noted a decreased emphasis on the divisions and a need for clarification and responsibilities of the duty officer. Dave Hardt felt this region should move forward with shelter issues, and it was suggested that the ARC come to the next meeting to discuss. The group would also like to see greater participation by Waterbury, Southbury, Beacon Falls, Middlebury, and Thomaston. Michael discussed the role of the Paul Gibb, as consultant

now that the REPT had voted on the budget, the ESF2 projects in relation to the command vehicles. Virginia will contact Rich Lynn of Litchfield Hills to get clarification on the Paul's time in the CNVR.

Virginia reminded those in attendance that FY09 MOAs signed by the CEOs and are due to COGCNV by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, and Wolcott have submitted completed MOAs so far.

The group congratulated Dave Hardt on his retirement from his state job tomorrow and Ken Hanks on his announced retirement from the Naugatuck Fire Department on September 6th.

It was moved by Scot Pelletier, seconded by Chet to adjourn at 5:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mason  
Assistant Director