

**DEMHS Region 2
REPT Steering Committee
February 15, 2019, 2019 Time: 09:30 AM
Cheshire Fire Department
250 Maple Avenue, Cheshire, CT**

Attendance

Voting Members:

In Attendance: Voting (*), Proxy (p)

Jean Davies, ESF 1 (*); Jared Heon, ESF 2 (*); Walter Adametz, ESF 3 (*); Jack Casner, ESF 4 (*); William Seward, ESF 10 (*); Tyler Roasa, ESF 11 (*); Ray Stuart, ESF 13 (*); Lynn Vasquez ESF 12 (*); Ray Stuart, ESF 13 (*); Robert Kenny, Acting Region 2 Coordinator (*); Steve Dudley, SCRCOG (*); Torrance Downes, RiverCOG (*); Mike Maglione, VCOG (*); Thomas Eighmie, VCOG (*);

Guests:

Tom Lenart, Region 2 DEMHS Planner; Mike Shove, Guilford Fire; Michael Neff, Clinton EMD; Greg Carroll, Madison FD; Bob Gilsbly, Madison EMS; Joe Woznyk, North Haven Police; Brian Colwell, Milford Fire; Bill Fitzmaurice, Region 2 EMS; Bob Freeman, Hamden EMD; Phil Mikan, US Coast Guard; Ryan Coughlin, Yale Center EMS; Douglas Sharafanowich, CT ARES; John Planas, Essex Fire; Rosa Melendez-Cole, Bomb Squad; Janice Ehle/Meyer, RiverCOG;

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction, Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Jean Davies at 9:36 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was done, a quorum was established with 13 voting members.

2. Acceptance of REPT SC minutes: January 18, 2019, regular meetings.

Walter Adametz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 18, 2019 REPT Steering Committee meeting. Steve Dudley seconded the motion. Steve Dudley asked that the minutes be amended to change the date from December 14, 2018 to January 18, 2019. Jean Davies abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Region 2 REPT SC Chair report (Bill Richards)

No report.

4. DESPP – DEHMS Region 2 Update:

Region 2 Staff – Robert Kenny/ Tom Lenart

A. Tom Lenart reported that the LEOP's are due today with the extension that was made. Tom asked that if towns are still working on the LEOP to please let him know.

B. Robert Kenny reported that the Annual Emergency Leadership meeting with DEMHS and possibly DESSP will take place on March 20, 2019 at 1:30 pm at Branford Fire Headquarters.

Robert Kenny reported that the CCM Annual Emergency Symposium will be in Cromwell on April 25, 2109.

Robert Kenny also reported that 13 communities were involved with the Tornado in CT and the problem with temporary debris locations. Reimbursements will not be made unless the communities' temporary debris sites are in accordance with State Laws. There is information for public works departments. These departments must file correct paperwork to get any reimbursements.

Robert Kenny talked about the hiring of a new regional coordinator. Robert said that DESSP has the information now. There are two other positions that will also be filled. John Warren will also be leaving as the operations manager.

5. Fiduciary/ Lead RPO Report (RiverCOG's Torrance Downes)

A. Torrance reviewed the handout saying that the:

2016 HSGP Supplemental Funds

expire on June 30, 2019. Torrance asked that all transactions be complete by May 2019.

The proposals to be discussed are:

- ESF 10 - Hazardous Materials Detection \$65,523.00
- ESF 10 - TruDefender \$69,500.00
- ESF 13 – Reprogramming Portable radios \$10,420.00
- ESF 13 – Portable Radios - \$ 57,274.00

- ESF 20 – Dive Rescue Team \$ 19,882.00
- Bomb Squad – Replacement vests \$20,704.00

2017 HSGP

Total funds \$148,928.34

2018 HSGP

Total funds \$320,955

2017 EMPG

Total funds \$55,000.00

2017 HSPG MOA's – 12 of 30 received

2018 HSGP MOA's – 13 of 20 received

Jean Davies asked that the proposals be explained.

ESF 10 - Hazardous Materials Detection \$65,523.00

Bill Seward explained that the four proposed hand held atmospheric systems will detect real time toxic substances using wireless technology. The equipment will be equipped with five different sensors. The sensors will detect chlorine and is especially important as a local company transports chlorine by rail. The system includes meteorological sensors that can also track toxic plumes.

ESF 10 - ThermoScientific TruDefender FTX \$64,505.00

Mike Shove explained this is a meter that uses a laser beam that detects a solid or liquid substance. This will be a second meter for the region. This includes 4 years of warranty support.

ESF 20 – Port Security \$19,882

Mike Shove spoke about the Dive Team equipment to support greater functionality toward an all hazards approach to response. Milford is the closest other dive team. Other teams are New Haven, Middletown, and Mystic.

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement \$10,420.00

Ray Stewart and Joe Wozynke spoke about 35 - 700/800 MHZ portable radios that will create a low powered channel for team use on a new frequency. They will provide better penetration and distances. A discussion followed.

Jean Davies then asked for a discussion concerning highest priority for implementation, and to be able to turn-around by May 2019.

Rick Fontana made a motion about the Bomb Squad using an additional \$686.37 from the Supplemental Funds to complete their purchases. The Bomb Squad will also be using their \$20,017.63 (amount allocated in 2016 HSGP). Steve Dudley seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimous.

The 2016 Supplemental Funds now totals \$101,810.03.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Rick Fontana to allocate to ESF 10 a maximum of \$65,523. The remaining money \$36,973.40 will be used for the ESF 13 portable radios. Steve Dudley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

Another motion was made by Steve Dudley that if ESF 10 and/or NHASH decide to spend \$64,505 for ESF 10 – ThermoScientific TruDefender, then the remaining \$37,991 is to be used for the ESF 13 - portable radios. Tyler Roasa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

The ESF 13 radio project costs will be more than what is remaining in the 2016 Supplemental budget. As many radios as possible will be ordered from the 2016 supplemental budget. Any additional radios (making a total of 35 radios ordered), are to be ordered out of the 2017 grant in Law Enforcement.

A NHASH meeting will take place to decide which of the two projects they would decide to do for the 2016 budget. . They will choose between the Detection Technology for \$65,523 or ThermoScientific TruDefender FTX for \$64,505. The result of the NHASH meeting will be the recommendation that will go to the REPT meeting. A special REPT meeting will have to be convened via conference call or with a vote for the approval of the spending of the 2016 budget. This vote will almost completely, spend down the 2016 budget.

6. Emergency Support Function Reports (ESF)

A. ESF 1 – Transportation (Jean Davies)

No report.

B. ESF 2 – Communications (Don Izzo/ Jared Heon)

Jared Heon reported that he and Don Izzo are talking about prioritizing future projects.

C. ESF 3 – Public works (Walter Adametz)

No report.

D. ESF 4 – Firefighting (Chief Jack Casner)

No report.

E. ESF 5 – Emergency Management (Rick Fontana)

Rick Fontana reported that he and Jim Buck are working on the Cyber Security Committee. There will be a report for the March 21, 2019 meeting.

F. ESF 6 – Mass Care (Susan Shaw)

No report.

G. ESF 7 – Resource Management (Jim Buck)

No report.

H. ESF 8 – Health/ Medical (Deepa Joseph/ Jim Paturas)

1. Dr Ryan Coughlin spoke about Active Shooter training that is being discussed. A meeting will take place with Region 1 to see that they are doing. There will be more information about this at the next meeting.

2. Tom Lenart spoke about working with Fire and Police on “Stop the Bleed” programs. Tom is looking onto what existing policies exist and what protocols are in place. More information will be available at the next meeting.

I. ESF 9 – USAR (CT TF1)

No report.

J. ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials (Chief Bill Seward)

Bill Seward spoke about the Decon trailers that the State turned over to the different Regions. When the trailers were turned over, Municipalities signed an agreement that they would then be responsible for any work that might need to be done on the trailers. Bill Seward was talking with the town of Guilford who has a trailer and there is much work that needs to be done on that trailer. Bill Seward has found that Shipman can do evaluations for the cost of repairs on the trailers.

The question is who pays for the repairs on the trailers? Are the municipalities responsible for the repairs or is the DEMHS responsible for repairs to put the trailers back in service for road worthy condition?

A discussion followed. Bill Seward volunteered to contact each town that has a trailer and get an evaluation on cost of repairs for their trailers.

Bob Kenny is going to contact the State of CT to see what the State plans are for the trailers. The conversation will continue next month.

K. ESF 11 – Agriculture & Natural Resource (Tyler Roasa)

Tyler Roasa spoke about a CT SART meeting on February 25, 2019 at the Durham Fire House concerning how to deal with radiological emergencies for pets. They will discuss how to screen and how to decontaminate animals.

L. ESF 12 – Energy (Cathy Lezon)

Lynn Vasquez spoke about tree trimming that is occurring in Bethany. Lynn also talked about new on-line communication training for next fall.

M. ESF 13 – Law Enforcement (Deputy Chief Ray Stuart/Jonathan Mulhern)

No report.

N. ESG 14 – Long-Term Recovery & Mitigation (Bill Richards)

No report.

O. ESF 15 – Public and External Communications (IMT 2 PIO)

Tom Eighmie talked about improved communications with upgrading technology and changing how things are done or best practices are made. The conversation will continue next month.

P. ESF 19 – Functional Needs (Michelle Duprey)

No report.

Q. ESF 20 – Port Security (Rick Fontana)

1. Rick Fontana talked about a Region 2 NASBLA class that he has submitted a proposal for.
2. Rick Fontana also talked about a Harbor Incident Response Training that will be taking place in June. More information on that will be coming out.

7. Community Emergency Response Teams (Joel Severance/ Bob Freeman)

Jean Davies reported for Joel Severance that:

DART

- They responded to an incident with a horse trailer that flipped over with a horse in it.
- They responded to a barn fire in East Hampton
- They assisted State Police Troop F to remove animals at a residence and find temporary housing for them.

Hamden

- CERT presented food, beverages and clothing to the Overnight Warming Centers.
- Had a meeting on establishing a shelter and swore in all members present.
- Helped at a Warming Center.
- Helped residents at a fire until the Red Cross arrived.

Orange

- Meetings have involved outlining goals, and discussing their relocation to the Orange Police Station.

Wallingford

Assisted at a trailer park that was flooding

U of New Haven

- 70% complete on a Basic Training CERT class
- Planning an exercise in April
- Requested a TEEEX course on Infrastructure Protection waiting for a response.

VSCERT

- Taught a basic CERT class
- Going to a CTSART meeting in Durham

8. Region 2 IMT Report (Deputy Chief Scott Schwartz/Thomas Eighmie)

No report.

9. Bomb Squad Report

Rosa Melendez-Cole thanked everyone for the additional funds. Rosa talked about additional equipment that they are looking into.

10. Training/Exercise Report

No report.

11. Old Business

A. Bill Seward talked about the communications project between dispatch centers.

B. There was a discussion about the evacuation route plan. Robert Kenny said that there is a draft plan that DEMHS is now reviewing.

12. New Business

No new business.

13. Next Region 2 REPT SC meeting: Friday, March 15, 2019 at 9:30 am at Milford Hospital Auditorium B, 300 Seaside Avenue, Milford, CT

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.

Respectfully submitted by:
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River COG