

**DEMHS Region 2  
REPT Steering Committee  
March 15, 2019, 2019 Time: 09:30 AM  
Milford Hospital  
300 Seaside Avenue, Milford, CT**

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:**

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

Jean Davies, ESF 1 (\*); Jared Heon, ESF 2 (\*); Rick Fontana, ESF 5 (\*); James Buck, ESF 7 (\*); James Paturas, ESF 8 (\*); Jean Davies, ESF 11 (\*); Cathy Luzon, ESF 12 (\*); Ray Stuart, ESF 13 (\*); Bill Richards, ESF 14 (\*); Robert Kenny, Acting Region 2 Coordinator (\*); Steve Dudley, SCRCOG (\*); Lisa Fasulo, RiverCOG (\*); Mike Maglione, VCOG (\*); Thomas Eighmie, VCOG (\*);

**Guests:**

Torrance Downes, RiverCOG; Tom Lenart, Region 2 DEMHS Planner; Rob White, Bethany EMD; Sam DeBurra, Madison EMD; Tom Mahoney, Branford Fire Chief; Mike Shove, Guilford AC; Michael Neff, Clinton EMD; Gary Merwede, Hamden Fire/EMD; Richard Heidgerd, Wallingford Fire/EMD; Douglas Sharafanowich, CT ARES; Tim Smith, Orange Fire; Joe Woznick, North Haven PD; Jonathan Mulhern, Branford Fire Chief; Janice Ehle/Meyer, RiverCOG;

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Richards at 9:36 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was done, a quorum was established with 12 voting members.

**2. Acceptance of REPT SC minutes:** February 15, 2019, regular meetings.

Mike Maglione made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 15, 2019 REPT Steering Committee meeting. Rick Fontana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

**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 1/3 of the regional towns have submitted their LEOP's.

**B. Robert Kenny** reported that:

**1.** The interviews for the Region 2 Coordinator have been completed. An announcement for the new Coordinator should be in the next couple of weeks.

2. There are more responsibilities that have been added to the DEMHS Teams. The State Cyber Crime Unit that has been established by the State Police will remain the same.
3. The Operations Manager has moved on to another position out of state service.
4. Annual Emergency Managers meeting with DEMHS and possibly DESSP will take place on March 20, 2019 at 1:30 pm at Branford Fire Headquarters. The meeting will also be an opportunity to meet the new Deputy Commissioner.
5. The CCM Conference is April 25, 2019. The agenda is being worked on.

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

**A.** Torrance reviewed the handout saying that:

**2016 HSGP** Including Supplemental Funds total \$117,831.35. The proposed projects will spend down the budget to \$386.35. The proposals are:

1. ESF 10 Rae Systems HazMat Detection Technology - \$64,782
2. ESF 13 Tactical Communications radios 26 of 35- \$38,673  
ESF 13 Atlantic Signal headsets with coiled connectors - \$3,590
3. ESF 13 Utility Communications, reprogramming of 610 portable and mobile radios - \$10,400.

**2017 HSGP**

\$145,542.91

**2018 HSGP**

\$320,955

**2017 HSGP MOA's**

12 of 30 received.

**2018 HSGP MOA's**

13 of 30 received.

There was a discussion about the lack of MOA's that have been submitted. Torrance will make some friendly reminders to the towns and make a list of the towns that have not submitted theirs.

**6. Emergency Support Function Reports (ESF)**

**A. ESF 1 – Transportation (Jean Davies)**

Jean is waiting for the State Evacuation Plan to be completed so that the transportation project can be submitted.

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

Jared Heon reported that Don Izzo has submitted his resignation as Chairman of ESF  
2. Jared will be reaching out to put together the Communications committee and looking for a Vice Chairman.

**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)**

1. Rick Fontana thanked Tyler Roasa for the pet decontamination station that he did for the region.
2. Rick talked about the cyber-crime committee that is being organized with Jim Buck and Carl Amento in SCROG.
3. Bob Kenny said that the requirements for the committee are fairly simple ie. organize a group and review the state documents.

**F. ESF 6 – Mass Care (Susan Shaw)**

Susan Shaw reported that the reviews of the 4 regional shelters and the local shelters have been completed. Now reviews are being done for the mass care supplies and feeding plans. Some shelter training sessions have occurred.

**G. ESF 7 – Resource Management (Jim Buck)**

No report.

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

Jim Paturas spoke about the grants for the Health Care Coalitions and how it is driven by hospitals. Jim said that they were going to use ESF 8 as a model for organizing the coalition and it will be one statewide coalition working through ESF 8 committees.

The Regional Response Plan will also be statewide.

**I. ESF 9 – USAR (CT TF1)**

Bob Kenny talked about being on the advisory committee with John Field. They are working on closing out purchases, initiatives and more training. The Swift Water Team

training will be federally recognized and deployable. There has also been resurgence in interest and membership in USAR.

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

Mike Shove talked about the NHASH meeting that will occur next week where a recommendation will be made for an ESF 10 Chairman.

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

No report.

**L. ESF 12 – Energy (Cathy Lezon)**

No report.

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

Jonathan Mulhern talked about the close out on the Blue Plan radio project. Training sessions will be starting soon. The only part of the project still to come is the reprogramming of the New Haven radios to the new channel.

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

1. The only recovery/mitigation is now in Hamden and North Haven due to the tornados.
2. Bob Kenny talked about an issue with 13 towns that did not secure emergency authorization with DEEP for the storage of debris. The results could be that FEMA does not fund any of the towns. DEMHS has been working with the towns to secure the post authorization. One town used some private property for debris. That town is now verifying the agreement with the property owner to be qualified for FEMA funding.
3. Jean Davies said that Region 4's plan is a good example and will be following up on having that plan available.

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

No report.

**P. ESF 19 – Functional Needs (Michelle Duprey)**

No report.

**Q. ESF 20 – Port Security (Rick Fontana)**

1. Rick Fontana spoke about a Harbor Incident Response Training (HIRT) that will be taking place. The 4 classes will be: April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, July 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>, and July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Rick also reported that there will be a NASBLA class from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Bill Richards read Joel Severance's report. The report read:

- the Region 2 activities are up by 12.3%

**CERT**

Orange CERT is moving into their new location

**R2SART**

Tyler Roasa had a training session on February 25<sup>th</sup> dealing with radiological emergencies with animals.

**UofNHCERT**

Trainings have been delayed due to weather.

**VSCERT**

Members attended CTSART training in Durham and an ARC training East Haddam.

**Hamden**

There were two house fires that CERT was involved with totaling 28.5 man hours.

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

David Becker reported that:

- Holding off on spending and trainings, they will be starting up soon
- After Action items will be implemented soon
- Working on IT infrastructure updates

**9. Bomb Squad Report**

No report.

**10. Training/Exercise Report**

No report.

**11. Old Business**

A. Jim Paturas reported that the Active Shooter training team has been meeting. More information is expected to come in concerning the equipment for training.

**12. New Business**

A. There are openings in ESF 1, 2 and 10 for Chairman.

B. No new proposals have been submitted.

C. Rick Fontana made a motion to add the summary of the use of 2016 funds. Mike Maglione seconded the motion.

The summary reads as:

At the February 15, 2019 REPT Steering Committee meeting, members voted to allocate all remaining 2016 HSGP funds to pay for two projects = \$ 101,810.03:

**1A.** ESF 10 purchase of a Rae Systems Wireless HazMat Detection Technology (Seward) **or**

**1B.** ESF 10 purchase of a Tru Defender FTX S4 Detection Technology instrument (Shove).

A decision would be made at a subsequent NHASH special meeting as to which project would be a priority for NHASH, \$65,523 was the amount authorized by REPT Steering Committee to spend. NHASH prioritized the Rae Systems Wireless HazMat Detection Technology at a meeting on Feb. 21, 2019.

The other project will be:

**2.** ESF 13 – Purchase of 35 portable radios and accompanying headsets totaling \$58,604. There was a discussion about a partial order from 2016 and remaining part of order from 2017.

Following the Feb 15, 2019 meeting River COG uncovered additional funds in the 2016 grant:

\$14,510 ESF 10 project that was never carried out

\$1,211.32 IMT reimbursement from Region 1 to Region 2

\$300 unspent funds from Safe Boating Classes

Totaling \$16,021.32.

The final total for 2016 HSGP = \$101,810.03 + \$16,021.32 = \$117,831.35 to be spent by June 30, 2019.

Conclusion

1. ESF 10 – Rae Systems HazMat Technology \$64,782

- 2a. ESF 13 – 26 of 35 portable radios and headsets \$38,673
  - 2b. ESF 13 – 35 headsets \$3,590
  - 3. ESF 13 – Reprogramming of radios \$10,400
- Total \$386.35 remaining in 2016 HSGP.

**D.** Rick Fontana announced that on April 3, 2019 at the New Haven Fire Training Academy from 9:00 - 12:30 there will be an exercise at a school involving a violent shooter. Rick is looking for Fire, EMS and Board of Ed, help on this exercise. The objectives are responses during the first 12 minutes with:

- doing a lock down
- transfer into a Unified Command

**E.** Bob Kenny said that he has been part of a webinar with NEMA and ASPR (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) concerning the collection of data from States with EMS resources etc. There are concerns of working together at a statewide level.

**13. Next Region 2 REPT SC meeting:** Friday, April 12, 2019 at 9:30 am at Guilford Fire Department, 390 Church Street, Guilford, CT

#### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Janice Ehle/Meyer  
River COG