

**DEMHS Region 2
REPT Steering Committee
October 18, 2019 Time: 09:30 AM
Bridgeport Hospital Milford Campus
300 Seaside Avenue, Milford, CT
(formally known as Milford Hospital)**

Attendance

Voting Members:

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

Rick Fontana, ESF 5 (*); Deepa Joseph, ESF 8 (*); Jonathan Mulhern, ESF 13, (*); Bill Richards, ESFS 14 (*); Steve Dudley, SCRCOG (*); Torrance Downes, RiverCOG (*); Douglas Edo, SCRCOG EMD (*); Tom Eighmie, NVCOG EMD (*); Jacob Manke, Reg. Coord, DEMHS Region 2 (*);

Guests:

Frank Kiernan, SWRCC Inc; Philip Sharlach, AerialDAT; Frank Kuchinski, AerialDAT; Jeff Neilsen, Milford Public Schools Security Coord; Tom Lenart, DEMHS Reg 2 Planner; Rob White, Bethany EMD; John Pelazza, YNHHS; Paul Januszewski, NoH FD; Joe Woznyk, NoH PD; John Glendon, Milford Red Cross;

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Richards at 9:32 a.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was done; a quorum was established with 9 voting members.

2. Acceptance of REPT SC minutes: September 20, 2019, regular meetings.

Rick Fontana made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 20, 2019 regular REPT Steering Committee meeting. Steve Dudley seconded the motion. Frank Kiernan abstained from approving of the minutes. All other approved.

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

No report.

A presentation was made by Philip Sharlach and Frank Kuchinski of AerialDAT (frank@AeroalDAT.com) showing live incident maps that allows for coordination and better communication in real time.

A discussion followed.

4. DESPP – DEHMS Region 2 Update:

Region 2 Staff – Jacob Manke/ Tom Lenart/ Dave Bradley

Jacob Manke

- A. DEMHS is in the process of EMAP Reaccreditation
- B. Met with FEMA and talked about the Community Life Line program. If accepted, the concept will be adopted into the local emergency operations plan.
- C. EPPI – table top exercise, Branford on November 18, 2019, Haddam on November 21, 2019. A list of suggested attendees will be sent out.
- D. Please notify Jacob of any municipal changes from the November election.
- E. There is a new ESF 11 request form that will be coming out.
- F. CTIC – continue to report Cyber Attacks or attempts. Notify police or resident troopers first and then CTIC.
- G. Cyber Training on October 24, 2019 in Watertown and on October 30, 2019 in Colchester.
- H. Some LEOP’s are still needed from the Feb 2019, please get those submitted.
- I. Need a host EMD for DART/SART. Responsibility would be maintaining the training records for ESF 11.
- J. Jacob thanked Paul Januszewski and Lisa Fasulo for representing Region 2 at the REP program Ingestion Pathway TTX.
- K. Combining meetings for Cyber Security Committee between SCCOG and ESF – 5.
- L. Regional Collaboration Meeting at DESPP/DEMHS headquarters on November 1, 2019 to present the projects funded by FFY 2019 HSGP.
- M. Training day for CERT on October 26, 2019.
- N. EMPG closeouts;
 - 16/17 – done
 - 17/18 – February 2020
 - 18/19 – Still accepting applications
 - 19/20 – September 30, xxxx

Tom Lenart

Tom is again asking for update on inventory of equipment from ESF Chairman.

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

Torrance Downes explained that the funds for HSGP 2017 Grant, 2018 and 2019 Grants have been allocated for with only a small amount or residual funds remaining. Torrance suggested that the unallocated funds be split between the three grants:

2017

Bomb Squad Disposal Vessel	\$31,849.00
ESF-3 Emergency Mobil Sign	\$18,430.00
ESF-10 TacComm Radios (Part 1)	\$13,700.00

2018

ESF-10 TacComm Radios (Part 2)	\$49,697.98
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2019

Equipment Maintenance	\$ 7,258.20
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Jonathan Mulhern asked about ESF 13 Law Enforcement - Ballistic Vest Replacement for \$66,988.64 that was voted on at the September 20, 2019 meeting. A vote at the September meeting was made to remove the vest replacement purchase from the 2019 budget and use funds from either the 2017 and or 2018 grants. A discussion followed; Torrance Downes will clarify the 2017 and 2018 projects list at the November meeting.

A discussion followed concerning reprogramming the old radios and it was found that it is not worth the reprogramming.

There was also a discussion concerning the bomb squad money. Roasa Melendez said that projects were being looked into. No further actions are required from the REPT Steering Committee concerning the bomb squad money.

6. Emergency Support Function Reports (ESF)

A. ESF 1 – Transportation (Jean Davies)

No report.

B. ESF 2 – Communications (Jared Heon/Frank Kiernan)

Frank Kiernan said that they are:

1. Going ahead with the PSAP Project
2. Agreed to the TIC plan rewriting
3. Training are moving forward
4. Agreed to MCV (Mobil Communications Vehicle) training
5. PSAP to PSAP presentation to understand how it is going to work and the purpose of the radio system

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. Cyber Security - Rick Fontana reported that he will be having conversations with Jim Buck and Dave Bradley on how to best use the \$40,000.
2. School Safety – Jeff Neilson is working on an email list for interested people and will be having the first meeting at the beginning of 2020.

F. ESF 6 – Mass Care (Susan Shaw) John Glendon

1. 600 cots are being replaced in the regional shelters.

G. ESF 7 – Resource Management (Jim Buck)

No report.

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

1. Deepa Joseph reported that they will be submitting a proposal for training triage tags for the regional hospitals.
2. Starting to work on an advanced functional exercise involving emerging infectious diseases.

I. ESF 9 – USAR (CT TF1)

No report.

J. ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials (Mike Shove)

No report.

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)

1. Jonathan Mulhern reported that the bomb squad was involved with a parade in Branford where the route was swept.

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

No report.

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)

No report.

7. Region 2 IMT -Tim Baldwin

No report.

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

Bill Richards reported for Joel Severance that:

- A. Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council has two members on the Nationwide DHS, FEMA Citizens Corps Council.
- B. Orange – helped with a drug takeback at CVS and Trunk or Treat. IN November they will help light the Christmas tree.
- C. UNH – graduation for a CERT class will be on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 1:30, all come. There will be an emergency plan exercise in January.
- D. Wallingford – started a basic CERT course on October 1, 2019 and will be involved in Taste of Wallingford and a road race.

9. Bomb Squad

Roasa talked about the upcoming Open House in Wallingford on November 7, 2019 and two additional open houses to be announced.

10. Old Business

Jacob reported that the By-Law committee has proposed some changes, and presented the proposed changes. There was a discussion about the wording of some changes.

A discussion followed concerning:

- 1. Granting the authority to approve and not recommend
- 2. #3 - funding for an ESF – if chairman not approving but a steering committee approving is the chairman the deciding vote? Change to “The RESF chairs are notified”

The proposed By-Law changes will now go to Brenda to have the revisions reviewed. There was a discussion about committee meetings.

12. New Business

A. RESF 4 Proposal for funding – Regional Training Furniture –
The proposal will be held and not presented, there may be other funding for the furniture.

B. Communications – Frank Kiernan said that he will talk with committee and suggest that interoperability of what they are doing and why, needs to be explained more.

C. There was a discussion about future meetings involving completing the budgets, deliverables, and spending funds.

D. There was a discussion about the possibility of supplemental funds.

13. Next Region 2 REPT SC meeting: Friday, November 15, 2019 – Cheshire Fire Department, 250 Maple Avenue, Cheshire, CT

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janice Ehle/Meyer
River COG