

# **CONNECTICUT DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM**

## **(CT-1 DMAT)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

### **18 April 2002**

CT-1 DMAT meeting was held on 18 April 2002, at Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) in Wallingford, CT. Meeting was called to order and last month minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mark Libby reviewed the status of the 501c3 (Non-Profit Organization) and the MOU with NDMS. He has set up another meeting with the Attorney General.

Mark Libby reported that he has met with Commissioner Garcia and Mark Russo to review leads on what to do and how to proceed with specifics in reference to CT-1 DMAT.

Members of the CT-1 DMAT were made aware that we cannot officially accept our by-laws until we are officially a Team.

Mark Libby reviewed and presented slides on Team Development from a conference he attended in Atlanta, GA. He also reviewed some bills that were either pending and/or passed. A list of all bills will be provided at one of the upcoming meetings.

Lynsey Hull introduced John Gariepy from Nextel who gave presentation about various coverage and various ways of communications. Questions and Answer interaction involved various hardware.

Joe Malinguaggio reminded everyone who wanted to participate or observe the Yankee Drill May 17, 18, and 19, 2002 in Westover, MA to contact him.

Mike Zanker, M.D., reported on the NDMS Conference in Atlanta Georgia. He mentioned that there is a Government Site as well as a National Senate website for National Disasters as well as Mass Destruction and Weapons. Dr. Zanker reported that we are ahead of the game in getting our DMAT Team organized within the state. Other state DMAT's are not even close to where we are. He also mentioned that as a Federal Employee you need a license within a particular state to respond within the level of training you had. The Federal Government will recognize you as long as you meet your credentials for specific certified or licensure.

Dr. Zanker reported that once the whole CT-1 DMAT is up and running, team might not be deployed all at the same time. "It could be a very selective group, i.e. just medics, nurses and doctors or just support staff and technical support."

#### Training:

Tony Paquette reported that we are also ahead of some other teams in other states. Some websites where we can get some of the training can be found under [www.nadmat.org](http://www.nadmat.org); other sites include [www.UNBC.org](http://www.UNBC.org), which has on-line training. Tony stated that all DMAT individuals need all required training depending on their task and/or function.

Tony Paquette reported that he would try to have practical training from other Teams to come and demonstrate on how to set up tents etc. He stated that as a Team we need organization and commitment keeping up-to-date at all times with new and advanced training.

Thus far arrangements are being made for tentative dates of July 23 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for individuals from Texas Engineering Extension Service of Emergency Services Training Institute to come and give the same course that was given back in March of this past year. Students potentially wanting to register for this course should contact Joe Malinguaggio and as a prerequisite for this course individuals must complete the following two internet courses prior to attending the class. Location of this class will be at U-Conn in Farmington, CT:

Terrorism Awareness  
EMS Concepts for WMD  
The courses may be found at [www.teex.com/campus](http://www.teex.com/campus)

Other Committee Chairs present at the meeting quickly gave their committee report.

**CT-1 DMAT meetings will be held every third Thursday of each month at CHA.** The next Scheduled meeting will be held on **16 May 2002, at 7:00 p.m.** at CHA in Wallingford, CT.