

Statewide Citizen Corps Council
 May 19, 2016 Meeting
 DESPP, Room 348, Middletown, CT

Voting Members In Attendance:

In Person:

Mark Amatrudo (Co-Chair)
 Don Davis (Region 3 REPT)
 Norma Peterson (Region 1 REPT)
 Joel Severance (Region 2 REPT)
 Harley Graime (Region 3 REPT)
 Robert Kenny (Region 1 Coordinator)
 Eric Scoville (Planner)
 Thomas Romano (DEMHS Trainer)
 Michael Caplet, (Region 4 Coordinator)
 John Field (Region 2 Coordinator)
 Sue Prosi (Region 1 REPT)

Via Phone:

Jim Larkin (Region 4 REPT)
 Joanna Rogalski (Region 5 REPT)
 Paul Gibb (Region 5 REPT)
 Thomas Vannini (Region 5 Coordinator)
 Katherine McCormack (MRC)

Voting Members Absent: Don Janelle (CEMA),

Quorum Present: Yes

Others In Attendance (Person/Phone): Brenda Bergeron (DESPP/DEMHS), Kenneth Dumais (DESPP/DEMHS), Cheryl Assis (CRCOG), Gary Ruggiero (DESPP/DEMHS), Henry Pasczucuk (DESPP/DEMHS), Bob Freeman (Hamden OEM), Tom Lenart (DESPP/DEMHS), Robert Scata (DESPP/DEMHS).

(The titles of voting members are the committees/organizations they are representing or roles they are playing in accordance with the SCCC Bylaws)

- I. Call to at 1:30 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance by chairman Mark Amatrudo**
- II. Opening and Public Comments:**
 Tom Gavaghan has retired, a replacement will be appointed in due course.
- III. Approval of March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** A motion made by Thomas Romano to approve the Meeting Minutes with minor corrections. Seconded by Norma Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. DESPP/DEMHS Grants Report:**
 The following funding Requests have been approved by the DEMHS Grants Unit (email has been sent out). All future grant requests will be approved by the grants unit. Updates will be provided at SCCC meetings.

Category	Applicant	Amount	Description	Approval emailed
A	Brooklyn	\$1,000	Start date: 4/30/2016 Number of students: 25 Backpacks requested: yes	4/20/2016
A	NW Hills	\$500	Start date: 4/20/2016 Number of students: 20 Backpacks requested: yes	4/18/2016

Financial Report (5-19-2016)

The financial report was reviewed, the current balance under CCP (2014 HSGP) is \$50,282. If completion reports are submitted for all of the approved applications (at the full approved amount), there will be a \$14,332 balance on the grant.

Applicants who have received approval but have not submitted completion reports, should submit as soon as possible since the 2014 HSPG grant ends this summer.

V. **Regional Council Updates/Reports**

DESPP/DEMHS: Tentative dates for the EPPI Exercise are being reviewed and finalized.

DEMHS Region 1: Bob Kenny- Region 1 Cert activity is steady, Wilton CERT is the most active team in the region. Activations are also requested for pre-planned events.

Region 1 REPT: (Sue Prosi) A lot of activity in region 1, most unique training involves Personal Beacon Locators (search and rescue drills). Stamford CERT holds monthly refreshers and meetings with Red Cross. Monroe and New Canaan have utilized teams in a series of storm activations. Stratford has had a number of meetings with training associated with them. Regions are now sharing training information and event. SART and CERT held a session in Watertown, CT.

Norma Peterson: Region 1 CERTs meet monthly. Planning for a drill has been delayed. Trying to set up a School Incident (Not an active shooter) which will test ICS, and team cohesiveness and collaboration. This is being done thorough the Reg 1: ESF-16.

Discussion was held on best practices and bringing subject matter expert croups together.

Region 1 will be conducting a Planning field day which will include REPT regional resources and assets.

Region 2 REPT:

John Field: Active teams include Hamden, Orange. He said they keep an up to date list of who has received the Loyalty Oath over the years. Need to keep an active and accurate list of team members in case of an event.

Joel Severance: 26 Activations of teams, of those two were for emergencies. The rest were for exercises. The Fire Academy conducts Traffic Incident Management Certification Training. They have a request to fund one in Region 2 and Region 3 in the future.

Region 3 REPT:

Don Janelle: Don Janelle provided an update on the Wesleyan Psychological First Aid Training put on by the Red Cross. A few CERTS from east of the river are getting together, planning a picnic around June 15, 2016.

Harley Graime: Relatively good quick meeting in Region 3, Manchester does a 16 week HAMNET challenge.

Region 4 REPT:

Mike Caplet: Mike Caplet reported that the Town of Brooklyn is conducting training to create a CERT team. He reviewed a Region 4 initiative called VOST, virtual support team to support, through Uncas Health District.

Jim Larkin: Reported on the Brooklyn CERT Training. Fourteen participants involved, training will wrap up on June 30th. He said half of the group are MRC's.

Pomfret: G191 EOC Course 22 participants from 7 different towns.

As in informational item, discusson was held on Skywarn, a program offered through FEMA.

Region 5 REPT:

Joanna Rogalski:

Joanna Rogalski discussed preplanned events, and the two week notice needed for activations. She reported on a Traffic Management Class in Bethel, which will be run again in the northern part of the region. SART program in Reg 5, 60 people participated in animal shelter registration.

Paul Gibb: Several CERT teams activated, surveyed teams for interested in Flagger training. Not much interest at this time.

CEMA: No Update

MRC (Katherine McCormack): Katherine McCormack updated the group on 7 challenge award opportunities. Many projects will begin during the month of August.

VI. Old Business:

Connecticut Statewide Citizen Corps Program Handbook: The handbook, which provides a comprehensive overview of the Citizen Corps Program in Connecticut, has been adopted. With adoption of the handbook, Category D is reinstated.

Citizen Corps Conference: Mark Amatrudo asked the subcommittee to look at planning an event and bring back recommendations on the types of training sessions to hold. The conference would need to be scaled down due to the availability of funding.

VII. New Business/Policy Discussion

Mass Care and Sheltering Update (Ken Dumais): Ken Dumais provided an update on ESF 6 Mass Care. The ESF group meets quarterly and acts as task force during EOC activations. They plan to acquire copies of the Show Me Tool (developed by Mass DPH) for use at emergency shelters. This tool will shelter staff to assist people who struggle with verbal communication. There will also be an App associated with the tool for cell phones. We will share this information once the app is available.

Carolyn Carlson has developed Common Signage for shelters in both Spanish and English. The signs were reviewed by the ESF 6 and ESF 15. The signs are currently located on the DESPP/DEMHS website.

Training - CERT Team Best Practices Symposium:

Discussion was held on the possibility of holding a CERT Team Best Practices symposium.

It was agreed that there would be too much planning involved to hold training days prior to the grant end. Discussion was held on purchasing additional backpacks since the current supply is low.

ID Badge procedure and costs:

Discussion was held on CERT ID badges produced by West Hartford. One advantage is that all the badges have the same format.

FY 2016 Budget Update:

Mark Amatrudo update the SSSC on the 2016 Homeland Security Working Group meeting. He said he requested additional funds, \$15,000 more, to support CERT and MRC. Based on the consensus of the HS Working Group, CCP will receiving \$75,000 (same amount as last year).

Procedure for requesting CERT Field Ops Guides

Discussion was held on identifying active teams that are eligible to receive equipment. Once it is determined, distribution will be coordinated with the Training Unit.

2016 Activity Report: Format of the report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 4 PM