

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT EMS MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD
CMED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
May 10, 2023 1:30 pm ~ Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Member Attendees: Betty Morris, Chair/North Central CMED; Steven Savage – Northwest Public Safety; Vaughn Dumas -Southwest Regional Communications Jon Rollinson, MEDCOM; Chuck Kelleher, Quinebaug Valley Communications; Troy Clark, CTS

Unable to attend: Judi Reynolds – DPH/OEMS;; Doug Racicot - Tolland County 911; Tyler Millix, Tolland County 911; Matthew Duval – Norwich CMED; Groton Communications; Scott Wright, CTS; Shawn Finnigan, Waterford ECC; Kristin Vargas, Willimantic; Gregg Prevost – Valley Shore Emergency Communications; Dan Soule – Litchfield County Dispatch; Stephen Mastroianni, Southwest Regional Communications;

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Meeting called to order at 1:34 p.m.	Presented Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Meeting	Motion to approve (Dumas) seconded (Savage) - Minutes approved.
CMED 9-1-1 subsidy Funding	B. Morris reported that a letter requesting support for an increase in the CMED Service credit was sent to the John Elsesser, Chair, 9-1-1 Commission. She received an email response from C. Northgraves. A change in the CMED Service Credit requires a change in the DSET regulations. B. Morris requested information on the process of requesting a regulatory change through the Agency (DSET). C. Kelleher researched the last proposed change presented by the Agency (DSET) was in 2020. A regulatory change can also be initiated through the CT Legislative process.	
CMED Work Group Report	<i>Information Sharing on Talk Group Effectiveness</i> S. Savage reported on the successful usage a talk group set up for a large brush fire in Danbury that required a multi-town response. V. Dumas reported similar results for a multi-town/service response to a large fire in Shelton.	
Information Sharing	SWRCC V. Dumas reported that the APCO Communication Training Officer class went well. He reported that Sky Health (Yale -Medical Helicopter) will be operational soon in the southern part of CT. 9-1-1 Dispatchers Conference –NWPS - S. Savage gave an overview of how MECCA (Managers of Emergency Communications Centers) hosted a CT 9-1-1	

	<p>Conference for several years. MECCA is in search of a project manager and committee to put a conference together. A suggestion is to find Dispatchers that would be willing to devote some time. V. Dumas recommended using Zoom or virtual meeting platform for planning meetings. MECCA meets May 24. Hosting a conference has been a topic on the agenda.</p> <p>Drills/ Exercises – Griffin Hospital is planning an evacuation exercise (electrical fire) Region 1 – Planning a large scale exercise in the fall of 2023</p> <p>B. Morris reported that the hospitals across the state are in active exercise mode. She will send the dates of those that have been announced through Region 3 ESF8.</p> <p>V. Dumas reported that the hospital status boards are very effective for Emergency Department staff receiving alerts of inbound ambulances. B. Morris is considering status boards for the hospitals in Region 3. The information is generated from the CMED CAD.</p>	
Adjournment/Next Meeting	The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.	

Respectfully submitted: Betty Morris, Chair

2023 Meetings, June 14, 2023, (No July or August meetings) September 13, 2023, October 11, 2023, November 8, 2023 and December 13, 2023

Goals for 2023 – (1) Distribute the 2022/2023 CT EMS Communications Directory (2) Pursue increase to the CMED subsidy from the State 9-1-1 Fund. (3) Develop CMED fact sheet and education component for users of the CMED system as well as Municipal Leaders (4) Pursue expansion of the P25 system.

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