

Regionalization- Sub Committee Agenda

January 14, 2020 (Tuesday) – 10:00am

Conference Call

Phone: (605)-313-5940

Access code: 329820

Call to Order:

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Old Business:

- **Continue discussion, review and finalize Survey questions for regional discussions**
- **Determine Region 3 meeting date and time.**

Announcements/Information Sharing:

Adjourn:

EMS Advisory – Regionalization Sub Committee

Echo Hose EMS Training Academy – Shelton, CT

January 14, 2020 (Tuesday) – 10:00am

Conference Call Meeting

Present: Joe Laucella – *Shelton EMS* (co-chair) - Katie Coupe – *Granby EMS* (phone) , Bob Ziegler, *ERM* – (phone), Kevin Ferrarotti – *Harwinton EMS/Hartford HealthCare* (co-chair - Phone), Mark Hartog – *Westport EMS* (phone), Judy Reynolds – *OEMS/Essex* (phone), Marie Wilson (phone) and Don Smith – *Monroe Amb.* (phone)

Meeting was called to Order by Joe Laucella at 1005.

Approval of previous meetings minutes were postponed until Feb. meeting.

Primary Order of Business was to hear and review Survey report from Kate Coupe and Kevin Ferrarotti.

The survey as well as the Preamble and presented by Kate and Kevin. This will be a 4-part survey consisting of: 1) manpower, 2) education, 3) Financial and 4) equipment/inventory. This will be a Survey Monkey type survey to all Chiefs of Service in CT.

It was then discussed attending the Regional EMS Council Mtg's to present the survey concept for input and by in. Tentative dates and locations for each Councils meeting were discussed and will be later firmed up.

Meeting adjourned at 1035.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ziegler

Regionalization Collaboration Committee

Scheduled July 1, 2020 @ 11am

Agenda: Re-Group and open conversation about Regionalization Sub-Committee

Conference Call:

Join via web browser

From outside of HHC:

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Join via Skype for Business from outside of HHC

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Phone:

(860) 972-6338,,,,20200#

Regional Collaboration Meeting

Date: 7/1/2020 @ 11:00am

In attendance:

Joe Laucella, Kevin Ferrarotti, [Mark Blake](#) , Kate Coupe, Mark Hartog, Betty Morris
Bob Ziegler, Bill Fitzmaurice, Greg Allard, Rich Kamin

- Update from the regional meetings: 2 out of 5 occurred before COVID
- Eastern Region not overwhelmed: limited COVID calls.
Smaller services still struggling to get out
Regional Council did weekly calls to update services and sharing information
Communication improved
- Northern side of state during COVID
Had a lot of volunteers step away.
Some services saw a big turnout out
One service had a an exposure go through the service.
The need to group purchase- services on their own weren't willing to add them to the list to buy.- Regional Provider meeting to find way to group-
CROG- had talked about Task Force- buying power
- SW Region-
Weekly service chiefs meeting- invaluable for best practices- info sharing.
Region 1 heavily affected by COVID.
Call volume starting to come back up.
Stamford had huge volume of COVID patients.
Westport lost about 1/3 volunteers during COVID
- SC Region
Task force came up. Having a plan beyond our immediate area and region.
- NW corner-
Height of COVID volunteer coverage decreased because employers weren't allowed to participate.

Staffing- So many variations of PPE standards- not good practice- some had good policies- some had no policies-

Buying power for COVID-

Dr. Kamin- spoke about opportunity to improve communications on a regional level. Information sharing to emergency communications.

Upcoming meetings to be 1st Wednesday of each month [at 11am](#) followed by COVID subcommittee [at 12pm](#).

Meeting adjourned; 12:00pm

Regional Collaboration Agenda

Time: Sep 2, 2020 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99220371020>

Meeting ID: 992 2037 1020

1. Call to Order:

2. Old Business:

3. New Business:

Review of Regulations that pertain to Regional

Councils/Coordinators

4. Motion to Adjourn

Regional Collaboration Meeting

September 2, 2020

11:00am- Via Zoom

*Zoom not allowing host to activate meeting. Committee emailed at 11:10am an alternative conference line and meeting started at 11:15am. Conference line- 860-972-6338- 20200#.

In Attendance: Joseph Laucella, Kevin Ferrarotti, Betty Morris, Bill Ackley, Judy Reynolds, Bill Fitzmaurice, Mark Blake, Kate Coupe, Robert Ziegler

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion of reviewing current regulations regarding Regional Councils and Regional Coordinators.

Started meeting by reviewing our Goals of the Regionalization Collaboration committee that were identified in previous meetings. The intent is to help services and with resources to assist with Staffing, Training, Finances (collaboration with purchases or sharing expenses and resources).

Highlighted meeting topics of July that spoke about the different challenges the COVID Pandemic brought to our agencies and regions. Kevin Ferrarotti spoke about his COVID after action review committee and how the committee closely aligns with our mission in regional Collaboration.

Committee Chair Joseph Laucella introduced to the committee the idea of reviewing the current regulations to determine if there are opportunities for the regional councils and coordinators to do more to assist with regional goals that may be covered under current regulations. The idea is to ensure we are utilizing our current resources that are in place to the best of our ability in relation to the State Regulations.

Discussion led to the topic of Regional Coordinators having more support for long term resource for the EMS community. We had more regional collaboration when Regional Coordinators were in the regions on a regular daily basis. Referred to time when councils and coordinators would host trainings, coordinate the ability to perhaps identify permanent funding for up to 5 Regional Coordinators and explore the ability to give them more day to day operations and logistic functions within the region(s). Some ideas such coordinate regular meeting with services to discuss current operational conditions, operations problems, act as a liaison with the OEMS/DHMAS Regional Coordinator and activation of resources, ensure services are meeting goals, act as mentor/resource for services when necessary, coordinate regional training opportunities, assist with regional grants, etc.

Bill Fitzmaurice and Robert Ziegler speak about the Regional Fire Coordinators and their roles within the Fire service. Assist with planning, resource typing, information sharing, logistics and task force requests, and operational support at incidents.

It was also discussed about DMAS Regional Coordinators and perhaps having EMS coordinators work closely with DHMAS Coordinators to request resources, information sharing, communication planning, pre-deployment of assets, coordination or resources, etc. It was questioned why EMS is not included as third branch if service under DHMAS during disasters. Police, Fire and Emergency Management under DHMAS. Regional Coordinator under DHMAS provide support to regional, state and federal collaboration.

The committee had discussions about the benefits that existed when Regional Councils and Coordinators had regular positions in each region and the services they provided to their local areas. It was discussed about their roles and how the local regional Coordinators would assist services with training, logistics, pre-planning, regular communications about upcoming large scale pre-planned events, working with vendors for securing regional pricing, and assisted with emergency planning for disasters. Once those roles were defunded, the councils became more of a requirement to meet under regulations but over the years has attracted less services and has less attendance because of the design of the council being more of a service update. Also, Coordinators became less operational, removed from the logistics of regional EMS Operations and became more involved in the regulations to backfill a larger need in the DPD OEMS office.

Committee determined next step is to review current regulations to see if we have the ability to do more with our councils and coordinators to further support Regional Collaboration. Once current regulations are reviewed, identify what perhaps EMS coordinators and councils can do currently under regulations that aren't currently being done.

Kevin Ferraroti asks If perhaps we can Consider a few options during the committee review:

Can EMS and State of CT fund more coordinators (at least 5 coordinators on a regular permanent position.

Can EMS Councils be funded again to help with Regional Collaboration

Is a volunteer EMS Coordinator Assistant be established to model a Fire Regional Coordinator.

Joseph Laucella asks committee members to review the current regulations regarding the EMS Council and Coordinators and make a list of item we are currently doing under the regulations and what the regulations state should be done but we may or may not be doing currently.

In addition, Joseph laucella asked Bill Fitzmaurice and Robert Ziegler for their assistance getting a copy of the Fire Regional Coordinator Job Description and functions so the committee can learn more about role and how it plays in Regional Collaboration within the Fire Fighting Service.

Meeting adjourned 12:05pm

Meeting Notice

Regional Collaboration Meeting

Wednesday October 7, 2020 @ 11:00am

Location: Zoom Meeting

Call to Order

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

Review Regulation of Regional Coordinators/Councils

Identify what Regional Coordinators/Councils can do according to
Regulations

Presentation on Fire Regional Coordinators Roles/Responsibilities by Bob
Ziegler/Bill Fitzmaurice

New Business:

Discuss Preparedness Committee

Information Sharing:

Adjourn

Regional Collaboration Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 7, 2020 @11:00am

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: Joseph Laucella, Maria Wilson, William Fitzmaurice, Mark Blake, Mark Hartog, Betty Morris, Kate Coupe, Bill Ackley, Judy Reynolds

Meeting began with acknowledgement of all CT EMS Awards recipients.

Discussion by the group about Regional Councils and Regional Coordinators. Committee discussed the regulations and understanding if the coordinators can have more operational capabilities in each region. Committee would support Regional Coordinators being properly funded for long term positions.

Went through the regulations and determined that there was language about an Assistant Regional Coordinator. Discussion about if this was designed for an employee or perhaps a volunteer role within the regions.

Committee feels that to continue to grow Regional Collaboration efforts, it is important to have a person(s) to facilitate responsibilities to help with collaborate. Just some roles that were discussed could be: facilitating regular information sharing/update meetings with service chiefs, represent OEMS with DHMAs initiatives, collects and disseminate information about municipal events, planned events, collection of IAP's. Assistance with assets and resources within region/state, coordination of continuing education for regions, coordinating demos and bulk purchasing, assisting with recruitment, and support to services that may experience staffing shortages or be overwhelmed due to illness, call volume, natural disaster, pandemic, etc, Assisting with regional call down drills and communication, regional MCI and transport training, providing safety resources and operational support during large scale incidents.

Brief discussion about CT State Fire Planner and their responsibilities within the fire service throughout the state.

Determined that sub-committee of Bill Fitzmaurice, Joe Laucella and Judy Reynolds would approach Advisory Chairperson Greg Allard and OEMS Director Coler to discuss thoughts about support for a Regional Coordinator and/or Assistant to the Coordinator. The Regional Coordinator or Assistant Regional Coordinator could work with more operational needs within the regions to support and help

advance more regional collaboration across the state not only with EMS agencies but across all branches of Public Safety.