

CONNECTICUT DISASTER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM
(CT-1 DMAT)
Meeting
21 February 2002

CT-1 DMAT meeting was held on 21 February 2002, at Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) in Wallingford, CT. Meeting was called to order and last month minutes were reviewed and approved.

Mark Libby encouraged everyone present to send letters to representatives encouraging that the DMAT Team is a great team to support. Money needs to be raised for preliminary items for DMAT Team to start up.

Joe Malinguaggio reported that the EMS Planning and Operations for Weapons of Mass Destruction Class will be held on March 5 – 7, 2002. Location of this class will be at UCONN Health center in Farmington, CT. As a prerequisite for this course individuals must complete the following two Internet courses prior to attending the class:

Terrorism Awareness

EMS Concepts for WMD

These courses may be found at www.teex.com/campus

Bob Hopkins was introduced to the members present at the meeting. Mr. Hopkins is part of the Massachusetts Team (MA-2 DMAT). Mr. Hopkins reported about how they implemented specific things within Massachusetts to get their team up and running.

Mr. Hopkins stated, they in Massachusetts communicate by logging in yahooous.com, which enables all members of that group to be able to log in and effectively communicate with one another. (i.e. you can post specific documents, correspondence and vital information).

Mr. Hopkins stated that they had adapted their bylaws for their Team from the state of NJ. He also stated that once the Team is established that you can respond to local and statewide responses and special events.

Mr. Hopkins invited everyone to the Westport Massachusetts Drill, which will be held May 17, 18, and 19, 2002, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hopkins talked about logistics, protocol development, education and training issues as well as responsibilities and communication process.

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 21 March 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at CHA in Wallingford, CT.