

CT-1 DMAT Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Unit Commander Michael Zanker at 19:00. Prior to the meeting a team uniform fitting was conducted.

1. A short presentation was given by John Mulligan Section Chief Connecticut USAR team. The presentation was an update on the progress of the Connecticut USAR Team.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was said and the November meeting minutes were accepted.

3. A short Commander update was given by M Zanker. The following were presented:

a. The 1st deployment since NDMS has become part of the Department of Homeland Security occurred this week. An International DMAT team has been organized and will be sent to aid the earthquake victims in Iraq.

b. The need for what immunizations a team member must have is being developed by NDMS. Besides the immunizations usually required if a practitioner is providing patient care, the need for other immunizations are being debated i.e. Hepatitis A, smallpox

c. We are awaiting approval of our training schedule by NDMS.

d. CT-1 DMAT was represented at the Nuclear Drill held in Mystic on 12/10

e. Our new Commissioner of Public Health is Robert Galvin. With former military experience, the Commissioner is very interested in disaster management and in developing our State deployment section of our team.

f. Currently there are 81 team members on the NDMS roster. 37 members have logged on to the training with 18 members completing the course. Everyone still not involved is encouraged to start the education as soon as possible.

4. The Education Presentation: HazMat for the Health Care Provider Part II was presented by our Safety Officer Sandy Brophy

5. A short presentation of our Medical Aid Bag and Vest was done by Paul Brooks Deputy Commander

The meeting was concluded at 21:00 and followed by a Holiday Celebration. The next meeting will be held on January 15, 2004 at Brainard Field

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