



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 21, 2023 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person** at CT DESPP/DEMHS Headquarters, 1111 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT.

1. The meeting came to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Introductions and welcomes; discussion that as identified at the last meeting we have some members meeting in person at DESPP/DEMHS in Middletown with most members joining via the remote option. We will do the same for the November meeting [hybrid at DESPP/DEMHS in person and Zoom for remote option].
3. The May 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Diane Duva and Jeff Morrissette noted that hazardous materials courses continue to be offered through the CT Fire Academy, funded through DEEP's distribution of the HMEP training grant to the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.
5. Overview of this year's full-scale interagency exercise in DEMHS Region 1: Bill Seward and Stephen Foley, instructors from the CT Fire Academy provided an overview of this year's full-scale interagency exercise that occurred in DEMHS Region 1 as a tabletop exercise on September 6 and as a field exercise on September 7. The tabletop exercise developed the Incident Action Plan for implementation the next day. There was participation from federal, state, regional, and local agencies and organizations. The overview presentation will be available on the [SERC website](#). DEEP, EPA, USCG, and the Fairfield Fire Department tested a booming tactic for a Geographic Response Strategy on Ash Creek as an element of the exercise. It was noted that the Fairfield Regional Fire School provided an excellent facility location and the organizers and participants were thanked.
6. Commission members briefly discussed strategies for updating LEPC status and plans and whether any LEPC designations or re-designations are needed. DEEP called each town over the summer to confirm contact information for each town's LEPC. DEEP can share an updated list and map at the next SERC meeting.
7. Information sharing between Agencies; Updates on Current Issues.
8. There was no New Business identified.

9. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
10. Adjournment at 2:45p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.

September 21, 2023 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
No	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Diane W. Duva , Director, Planning Office, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Div. CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrisette , State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist/ Francesca Provenzano Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program/Preparedness CT Department of Public Health
Yes	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
Yes	William Turner , Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	Jeff Saltus, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
No; schedule conflict	Matthew LaFayette , Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
Yes	William Abbott , State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Yes	LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
No	Chief John C. Littell, Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
Yes	Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	Robert J. Araujo , Facility member
Yes	Lisa Morrissey, CT DPH Deputy Commissioner
Yes	Robert Ross , Public member
No, schedule conflict	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Joe Cyr**, MDC; **Bill Seward**, CFA; Stephen Foley, CFA; Chief Denis McCarthy, **Fairfield Fire Department**; **Albert Bassett**, **Adam Silverstone**, Fairfield County HIRT; **Robert Kenny**, DESPP-DEMHS Region 1; **Karen Way**, US EPA; **Mike Popovich**, Nuka Research; **Steve Huleatt**, CRCOG/CREPC; **Bob Kovach**, environmental consultant; **Fran Patno**, US DHS CISA; others