



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Minutes of Regular Meeting September 19, 2024 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online**.

1. The meeting came to order at 1:33 p.m.
2. Introductions and welcomes
3. The May 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Anthony Salvatore.
4. State Fire Administrator Jeff Morrissette provided Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates.
5. Bill Seward, CT Fire Academy Instructor, provided a recap of the September 13, 2024 Table Top Exercise in Southeast Connecticut, DEMHS Region 4. This is funded by the HMEP Grant. There was participation from local, tribal, regional, state, and federal teams and agencies, as well as the American Red Cross, and the local hospital. The exercise focused on interagency coordination in responding to hazardous materials releases resulting from an incident involving an electric vehicle fire on a passenger ferry. This was a drill. He and other participants expressed their appreciation to Chris Anglin of Cross Sound Ferry for participating in the planning and execution of the exercise. There was discussion about following up the Table Top Exercise with a field portion to extend training on responding to marine transportation incidents. As part of the annual exercise, given the marine transportation focus, and through the cooperation of US EPA, US Coast Guard, the Atlantic Strike Team, and CT DEEP a Booming Basic Operations field course was conducted on August 28, 2024 for local, regional, state, and federal participants.
6. State Emergency Response Commission Director Diane Duva provided an overview of a Coastal Hazards, Analysis, Modeling, and Prediction System for Emergency Planning, Management, and Response (CT CHAMP) demonstration project kicking off this year in the New London-Groton area, involving federal, state, and local agencies and organizations, led by the University of Rhode Island team. The project is funded by a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security. Bob Araujo recommended inviting the project leads to a future meeting to describe the work and progress.
  - a. Updates LEPC status and plans: No new LEPC designations were identified.
  - b. Diane Duva noted that the [LEPC map](#) and the [LEPC Chairperson database](#) are dynamic and if updates are needed, please send an email with those revisions to the [DEEP.CTEPCRA@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.CTEPCRA@ct.gov) email address.

7. A Commodity Flow Study for the state is being planned, as resources allow.
8. Information sharing between Agencies and partners; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics. State Emergency Management Director Turner flagged preparedness activities underway, including standing up Joint Hazard Assessment Teams related to election security and the Fusion Center’s focus on assessing school security and emergency preparedness. Director Turner also summarized the ongoing state response to catastrophic flooding that occurred in August. Jeff Morrisette noted that the final two of eight regional foam trailers will be delivered soon and training will be conducted in October. The CISA ChemLock program training that is available to facilities at their site or via online training was flagged, dates were shared. Additional information sharing by commission members and partners.
9. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
10. Adjournment 2:42 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Jeff Morrisette.

Attendance	Commission Members
N	Gerard P. Goudreau – Chairperson
y	Diane W. Duva, Director, State Emergency Response Commission/Assistant Division Director, Remediation Division, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and Lori Saliby, Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
y	Jeffrey Morrisette, State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
y	David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist; Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program/Preparedness CT Department of Public Health
y	Jason Coite, Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
y	Bill Turner, Director, Emergency Management; and Michael Caplet, Regional Coordinator, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
n	Jeff Saltus, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
y	Matthew LaFayette, Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management

y	Alan Marshall for William Abbott, State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Y	Col. Joe Roden for LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department; MSgt Adam Sledge, CST
n	Chief John C. Littell, Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
n	Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
y	Robert J. Araujo, Facility member
y	Lisa Morrissey, CT DPH Deputy Commissioner
N	Robert Ross, Public member
y	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
y	Kyle Zimmer, Jr., Public member

Also present:

Bill Seward, CT Fire Academy; Gary Trombly, CT DEEP; Diana Palmer, CT DOT; Karen Way, US EPA; Steve Huleatt, CREPC/CRCOG; Jean McInnis, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; Chris Anglin, Cross Sound Ferry; Robert Gottlieb, UConn Health Center EPCRA facility/member of the public; Bob Kovach, environmental consultant/member of the public