



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Minutes of Regular Meeting January 15, 2026

The meeting was held **online**.

1. The meeting came to order at 13:32.
2. The November 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Jeff Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Stephen Foley.
3. Introductions and welcomes-

Mr. Adam Silverstone- Region 1 Vice Chair, ESF-10 Chair

Mr. Daniel Mozzochi- Supervisor, Training and Exercise, DEMHS

Ms. Alyssa Israel- Fairfield resident (returning guest)

Mr. John DeCecco- U.S. Flood Control (returning guest)

4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities Update-

Mr. Ryan Santos reported that CTDEEP is working with the CT Fire Academy to establish the next three-year MOU for the HMEP grant.

5. Planning for 2026 SERC Exercise in DEHMS Region 5, confirmed for Friday, August 28, 2026-

Mr. Stephen Foley provided updates on planning efforts, to date, and indicated that a planning meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Updates included;

- DEMHS Regional team will act as observers and provide feedback on the exercise
- MTA and Housatonic Rail, along with Danbury Rail Museum, were on-board with the exercise planning
- ICS200 being drafted and near completion
- Danbury EMS and Hospital will likely partake in the exercise
- ICP location TBD
- Engineer for railyard has volunteered to act as mock victim

6. Updates on LEPC Status and Plans-

Ms. Caroline Nascimento indicated that a 90-day start up plan, to gather intel on LEPCs, is in the works. This will be broken down into three phases. Plans to distribute a survey to municipalities, to gather updated LEPC status information, are tentative for distribution in February with follow-up coordination meeting anticipated in March. Ms. Nascimento reminded those in attendance that the LEPC planner module is in development.

7. EPCRA Updates and Information sharing between Agencies and partners; Updates on Current Issues; Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; New Business.

Mr. Ryan Santos indicated that the Tier II reporting season is upon us, now through March. Ms. Lauri Volkert asked a question related to the need to receive and retain paper copies of Tier II reports submitted to local fire marshals. Mr. Santos replied that because there are multiple avenues to submit Tier II reports (i.e. electronically or paper), the Tier II Manager in Hazconnect does not necessarily house all of the Tier II reports and cannot be relied upon as the sole source for Tier II reports, therefore, Mr. Santos recommended that fire marshals continue to maintain records of Tier II reports submitted to them.

Mr. Santos mentioned that one future topic of interest for the March 19<sup>th</sup> SERC meeting would be response to lithium-ion batteries/EV fires. Those present agreed that it would be a worthwhile topic and would help coordinate attendance from firefighters/Hazmat techs throughout Connecticut.

8. Tiger Dam Presentation by Mr. John DeCecco, US Flood Control

Mr. John DeCecco provided a thorough presentation on Tiger Dam technology. Mr. DeCecco provided detailed specs on the equipment itself and presented numerous examples of how this technology can be used. Mr. DeCecco fielded a question from Mr. Adam Silverstone about the cost of this equipment. Mr. DeCecco presented various setups that range in price from \$2,300 (for one section of 18" Tiger Dam) to \$275,000 (for a full mobile trailer setup fully equipped with 3,000 feet of flood protection). He mentioned that US Flood Control will provide assessments to interested clients to determine the most cost-effective solution tailored to their needs. Ms. Allysa Israel expressed her gratitude for the presentation and presented her concerns for future flooding in the Fairfield area from potential hurricane conditions. Ms. Israel suggested that local/state agencies look in to equipping themselves with this technology. Chairman Gerard Goudreau agreed that this would be a worthwhile technology to consider but that funding is a limiting factor. Mr. DeCecco provided his contact information to those in attendance; in the event they wish to reach out for more details.

9. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)

There were no public comments, other than the comments provided by Ms. Allysa Israel, as noted above.

10. Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 19th from 13:30-15:00.

11. Adjournment 14:21 on a motion by Mr. Jeff Morrisette; seconded by Chairman Gerard Goudreau.

Attendance	Commission Members
y	<b>Gerard P. Goudreau</b> – Chairperson, Facility member
y	<b>Ryan Santos</b> , Assistant Division Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
y	<b>Jeffrey Morrissette</b> , State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
y	<b>David Kallander</b> , Ph.D., Toxicologist; Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program/Preparedness CT Department of Public Health
y	<b>Jason Coite</b> Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction, CT Department of Transportation
y	<b>William Turner</b> , Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
n	<b>Jeff Saltus</b> , CONN-OSHA, CT Department of Labor
n	<b>Matthew LaFayette</b> , Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division, CT Office of Policy and Management
y	<b>Lauri Volkert</b> , State Fire Marshal, Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
y	<b>COL Benjamin Neumon</b> , Connecticut Military Department
n	<b>Chief John C. Littell</b> , Tolland Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Department member

n	<b>Chief Edward N. Richards</b> , Enfield Fire Department, Municipal Fire Department member
n	<b>Robert J. Araujo</b> , Facility member
n	<b>Robert Kovach</b> , Public member
n	<b>Lisa Morrissey</b> , Facility member
n	<b>Robert Ross</b> , Public member
y	<b>Anthony Salvatore</b> , Town Manager, Cromwell, Public member
n	<b>Kyle Zimmer, Jr.</b> , Public member

**Also present:**

**Lori Saliby, CT DEEP; COL Joe Roden, CT Military Dept; Carolinne Nascimento, Nicole Velardi, Jeremy Coy, Daniel Mozzochi, DEMHS; Adam Silverstone, Region 1, ESF10; Stephen Foley, CT Fire Academy; John DeCecco, Cheryl Witmer, U.S. Flood Control; Karen Way, U.S. EPA Region 1; Steven Huleatt, CRCOG; Andrew Morrill, CTDOT; Alyssa Israel, Fairfield Resident (public);**