

Approved Meeting Minutes

Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council Meeting 1/18/2018 Meeting Minutes

DESPP Headquarters, Room 349
1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT 06457

Voting Members In Attendance:

In Person:

Don Davis (Region 3 REPT)
Don Janelle (CEMA)
Eric Scoville (Planner)
Harley Graime (Region 3 REPT)
Joel Severance (Region 2 REPT)
Mark Amatrudo (Co-Chair)
Norma Peterson (Region 1 REPT)
Thomas Romano (Trainer)

Via Phone:

Jim Larkin (Region 4 REPT)
Joanna Rogalski (Region 5 REPT)
Paul Gibb (Region 5 REPT)
Tom Vaninni (DEMHS Region 1)

Voting Members Absent:

Michelle Deluca (Region 1 REPT), Jean Davies (Region 2 REPT), Katherine McCormack (MRC), Robert Kenny (DEMHS Region 1), John Field (DEMHS Region 2),

Quorum Present: Yes

Others In Attendance (Person/Phone):

Bob Freeman (Hamden OEM), Steve Coulon (Hamden CERT), Henry Paszczuk (Region 5 Planner) Debbie DiLeone (Hamden CERT)

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance (1:30)

II. Opening & Public Comments:

A motion made to approve 11/16/2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Joel Severance, seconded by Harley Graime, Motion Carried.

III. DESPP/DEMHS Grants Report:

Financial Report See attached financial report compiled by Rita Stewart. The current remaining balance is \$18,353.22 of that amount \$ 24,300.00 has been obligated to pre-approved projects. Thus the remaining balance (if all approved applications are submitted for) is -\$5,946.78. Once FY 2015 is expended, the balance will be moved to FY 2016. A motion to accept the report made by Joel Severance, Seconded by Thomas Romano, Motion carried.

IV. Regional Council Updates/Reports:

Reports provided to the Council at the bi-monthly meeting are now attached to the meeting minutes, a summary of reports received is below. Funding may be tied to the delivery of this report, please be sure to deliver this report.

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Report		Report Received/Attached to Mins.
DEMHS Region 1	Robert Kenny- DEMHS Region 4 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Michelle Deluca- Region 1 REPT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Norma Peterson- Region 1 REPT (MetroCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
DEMHS Region 2	John Field- DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Joel Severance- Region 2 REPT (RiverCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Jeanne Davies-Region 2 REPT (RiverCOG)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
DEMHS Region 3	William Turley- DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Harley Graime- Region 3 REPT (CRCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Don Davis- Region 3 REPT (CRCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
DEMHS Region 4	Mike Caplet, DEMHS Region 4 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Joe Sastre- Region 4 REPT (SSCOG)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Jim Larkin- Region 4 REPT (NECOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
DEMHS Region 5	Tom Vannini- Region 5 Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Joanna Rogalski- Region 5 REPT (NVCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Paul Gibb- Region 5 REPT (NHCOG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
CEMA	Don Janelle	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
MRC	Katherine McCormack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

V. Old Business:

FEMA Award Visit Presentation

- Determining availability for Individual and Community Preparedness Awards presentation from FEMA. We are currently contemplating a March or April presentation.
- Pending availability with Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Staff.
- Determining press release coverage.

Backpacks/FEMA Manuals

- Backpacks have not yet been delivered
- It was requested that we follow up on the status of backordered FEMA manuals.

Stop the Bleed

- National Stop the Bleed day is March 31st

Multi-lingual Survey

- It was requested from DEMHS leadership that a survey be developed to canvass the

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multi-lingual capabilities of CERT Teams to answer the following questions:

- Which teams have multilingual capabilities
- Which team members have multilingual capabilities (Certified/Native Speaking)
- Are individuals willing to provide translational services/assistance in an activation and in which roles?
- This was sent to all CERT and MRC team leaders through the committee and the Regional Coordinators Utilizing Survey Monkey.
- All information is self-reported and has not been verified.
- 166 individuals responded representing 55 teams.
- A total of 40 individuals report having multilingual capability representing 26 teams
- Of those 40, 27 individuals report interest in volunteer opportunities representing 17 teams.
- This report is attached to the Meeting Minutes, teams leaders may request team specific information from Eric.Scoville@ct.gov.

VI. New Business/Roundtable:

2017 Annual Activity Report

- Final reporting form should come out in the next few weeks
- Emphasis was placed of ensuring training numbers have been clearly and accurately represented.

2018 Priorities

- The committee brainstormed and discussed 2018 priorities.
 - Attempting to catalogue best practices.
 - Devote resources to low activity and dormant teams. Identify, Communicate and Reach Out.
 - Recruiting and retention.
 - Training
 - NIMS/ICS uniformity training
 - Mission/Equipment (Stop the Bleed)
 - Teen CERT

VII. Adjournment- (3:30 PM) Motion made by Don Janelle, Seconded by Don Davis. Motion Carried unanimously.

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FFY 2015 Allocation	9/01/2015-8/31/2018	\$75,000.00	
Current balance on FFY 2015 (less pending) ¹			\$18,353.22 **
Pending submission of completion report	(for approved applications)		
<u>category</u>	<u>amount</u>	<u>applicant</u>	<u>description</u>
Planning	\$2,000	NW Hill Cog	7/01/2017-12/31/2017
	\$2,000	CRCOG	7/01/2017-12/31/2017
	\$2,000	NECCOG	7/01/2017-12/31/2017
	\$2,000	RiverCOG	1/01/2018-6/30/2018
	\$2,000	NVCOG	1/01/2018-6/30/2018
	\$2,000	CRCOG	1/01/2018-6/30/2018
	\$2,000	NECCOG	1/01/2018-6/30/2018
			<u>total by category</u>
			\$6,000.00
Training			\$14,300.00
	\$1,200	Bridgeport	approved 4/07/2017
	\$1,200	CRCOG/Southington	approved 5/09/2017
	\$1,200	CRCOG/Middletown	approved 5/12/2017
	\$1,200	Wallingford	approved 6/20/2017
	\$1,200	Bridgeport	approved 9/19/2017
	\$0	Naugatuck (backbacks only)	approved 9/26/2017
	\$1,200	CRCOG/Canton	approved 10/30/2017
	\$1,000	New Canaan/Wilton	approved 10/17/2017
	\$1,200	CRCOG/Tolland	approved 11/22/2017
	\$500	Norwich	approved 12/01/2017
	\$1,200	CRCOG/So. Windsor	approved 12/7/2017
	\$1,200	Durham	approved 12/07/2107
	\$800	Killingworth	approved 12/7/2017
	\$1,200	No. Haven	approved 12/7/2017
Equipment			\$4,000.00
	\$1,000	CRCOG/Portland	approved 9/20/2017
	\$1,000	Wilton	approved 10/17/2017
	\$1,000	CRCOG/Vernon	approved 11/22/2017
	\$1,000	CRCOG/Southington	approved 12/19/2017
¹ Total pending (if approved applications are submitted for full amount)			\$24,300.00
² Assuming these will be charged to FFY 2016			
Funds available			-\$5,946.78
			will move to FY 2016 - when 2015 is expended
		FFY 2016 budget is	\$75,000.00

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Citizen Corps Program - 2017 applications and approvals

No.	Category	Name of Applicant	Organization Requested for	Requested	Approved	Date of Approval	Project Activities	other approval details	back-packs	Completion Form on File	# of students trained	Amount Processed	Fiscal Ref Code (DPS 33)	Date of DPS 33	FFY	Notes	cancelled		reimb. processed or no funds requested	
																	Requested	Approved	Cancelled	Reimb. processed
Approved by DEMHS prior to January 2017 meeting																				
16-45	A	CROCG	Tolland	\$1,200.00	yes	11/18/2016	basic training	11/21/2016	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			8/7/2017	2015					
16-46	A	CROCG	Manchester	\$1,200.00	yes	11/18/2016	basic training	2/1/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			8/7/2017	2015					
16-47	A	Bridgeport		\$1,200.00	yes	12/15/2016	basic training	12/15/2016	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			8/8/2017	2015				pending info	
16-48	C	Northwest Hills		\$2,000.00	yes	1/3/2017	planning	1/01/2017-6/30/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,750.00			8/8/2017	2015					
16-49	C	NWCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	1/17/2017	planning	1/01/2017-6/30/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,750.00			8/8/2017	2015					
16-50	C	RiverCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	1/17/2017	planning	1/01/2017-6/30/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			442632	2015				2nd payment	
16-51	A	Fairfield		\$1,200.00	yes	1/17/2017	planning	3/04/2017 start	Y	Yes	\$1,015.41			442521	2015					
16-52	A	Hamden		\$1,000.00	yes	1/17/2017	training	4/6/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			442669	2015				DPS total 2,000	
Approved by DEMHS prior to March 2017 meeting																				
17-1	C	CROCG		\$2,000.00	yes	1/18/2017	planning	1/1/2017-6/30/2017	Y	Yes										
17-2	C	NECCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	1/25/2017	planning	1/1/2017-6/30/2017	Y	Yes				5000	2015					
17-3	A	Windham		\$1,200.00	yes	2/1/2017	basic training	2/2/2017 start	N	yes				8/7/2017	2015					
17-4	A	CROCG	So. Windsor	\$1,200.00	yes	2/3/2017	basic training	2/06/2017 start	Y	Yes				5/26/2017	2015				DPS w/ 16-52	
17-5	A	Hamden		\$1,000.00	yes	2/3/2017	Teen basic training	3/6/2017 start	Y	Yes										
17-6	A	Northwest Hills		\$900.00	yes	2/22/2017	basic training	3/22/2017 start	Y	no										
Approved by DEMHS prior to May 2017 meeting																				
17-7	A	Monroe		\$1,200.00	yes	3/9/2017	basic training	4/21/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,198.00			9/15/2017	2015				req	
17-8	D	Litchfield		\$1,000.00	yes	3/24/2017	equipment/app	rain gear	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			8/7/2017	2015					
17-9	A	CROCG	Vernon	\$1,200.00	yes	3/28/2017	basic training	4/8/2017 start	Y	Yes										
17-10	D	CROCG	Vernon	\$1,000.00	no	3/31/2017	basic training-2	4/19/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,199.20			8/21/2017	2015				withdrawn	
17-11	A	Ridgefield		\$1,200.00	yes	4/3/2017	basic training	5/12/2017	Y	no									cancelled.	
17-12	A	Bridgeport		\$1,200.00	yes	4/7/2017	basic training	4/15/2017 start	Y	no										
17-13	A	CROCG	Southington	\$1,200.00	yes	5/9/2017	basic training	10-May-17	Y	no										
17-14	A	CROCG	Middletown	\$1,200.00	yes	5/12/2017	basic training	June, 2017 start	Y	no										
17-15	C	RiverCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	5/15/2017	planning	7/01/2017-12/31/2017	Y	yes									partial- under rev	
Approved by DEMHS prior to July 2017 meeting																				
17-16	D	CROCG	Bristol	\$1,000.00	yes	5/23/2017	equipment/app	flashlights	Y	Yes	\$999.00			11/13/2017	2015				last D was 2014	
17-17	D	CROCG	Manchester	\$1,000.00	yes	5/23/2017	equipment/app	flashlights	Y	Yes	\$999.00			11/13/2017	2015					
17-18	D	CROCG	Newington	\$1,000.00	yes	5/23/2017	equipment/app	flashlights	Y	Yes	\$999.00			11/13/2017	2015					
17-19	D	CROCG	So. Windsor	\$1,000.00	yes	5/23/2017	equipment/app	flashlights	Y	Yes	\$999.00			11/13/2017	2015					
17-20	A	Hamden		\$1,000.00	yes	6/20/2017	basic training	9/21/2017 start	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00			12/7/2017	2015					
17-21	A	Wallingford		\$1,200.00	yes	6/20/2017	basic training	10/21/2017 start	Y	Yes										
17-22	C	Northwest Hills		\$2,000.00	yes	6/29/2017	planning	7/01/2017-12/31/2017	Y	Yes	\$2,000.00			1/10/2018	2015					
17-23	C	NWCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	6/29/2017	planning	7/01/2017-12/31/2017	Y	Yes	\$1,000.00									
17-24	D	Hamden		\$1,000.00	yes	7/18/2017	equipment	7/31/2017	Y	Yes										
Approved by DEMHS prior to Sept. 2017 meeting																				
17-25	A	Bridgeport		\$1,200.00	yes	9/18/2017	training	9/27/2017	Y	Yes	30									
17-26	D	CROCG	Portland	\$1,000.00	yes	9/21/2017	equipment/app		Y	Yes										
17-27	C	CROCG		\$2,000.00	yes	9/20/2017	planning	7/01/2017-12/31/2017	Y	Yes										
17-28	D	CROCG	Ellington	\$1,000.00	yes	9/21/2017	equipment	flashlights	Y	Yes	\$999.00			11/13/2017	2015					
17-29	A	Naugatuck		\$0.00	yes	9/26/2017	training	backs, manuals, cert.com, 10/17	Y	Yes										
17-30	A	CROCG	Canton	\$1,200.00	yes	10/30/2017	training	backpacks,	Y	Yes	25									
17-31	A	New Canaan	New Canaan	\$0.00	yes	9/27/2017	training		Y	Yes									resubmitted	
17-32	A	Wilton/ New C		\$1,000.00	yes	10/17/2017	training	backpack-stoo	Y	Yes										
17-33	D	Wilton		\$1,000.00	yes	10/17/2017	equip	port lights	Y	Yes										
17-34	C	NECCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	10/17/2017	planning	7/01/2017-12/31/2017	Y	Yes										
17-35	A	New Milford		\$0.00	yes	n/a	training	Fall CERT class - 9/19/17	N	Yes									NECCOG thought it was submitted earlier	
17-36	C	RiverCOG		\$2,000.00	yes	11/13/2017	planning	1/01/2018-6/30/2018	N	Yes										
17-37	D	CROCG	Vernon	\$1,000.00	yes	11/22/2017	equipment	guides, shirts vests, CPR	N	Yes										
17-38	A	CROCG	Tolland	\$1,200.00	yes	11/22/2017	training	basic training starting 11/27	N	Yes										
17-39	A	Norwich		\$500.00	yes	12/1/2017	training	basic training starting 12/10/2017	Y	Yes										

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Region 1 - Norma Peterson

RE: Activity Report Region 1 - 1.18.18

Submitted by Norma Peterson

Listed below are some representative activities of R1 CERTs

Fairfield CERT

- Winter Storm Grayson early January - Team alerted but not activated
- Stop the Bleed training Jan. 18
- Preparing for next basic training class which starts Feb. 24
- Developing Fairfield CERT Leader Guide with some procedures and details helpful to any "on call" leaders.

Wilton CERT

- 11/9 - 2 CERTs Senior Care Facility Emergency Drill Plan 6 MH
- 11/16 - 6 CERTs attended Fairfield Active Shooter "Conference" 15 MH
- 11/17 - 5 CERTs Crowd Control - Town Bonfire 15 MH
- 11/19 - 6 CERTs Mutual Aid - Stamford Parade 32 MH
- 11/19 - 13 CERTs Traffic - multiple Trees/Wires Down 52 MH
- 12/3 - 1 CERT BSA Disaster Preparation and Response 2 MH
- 12/20 - 2 CERTs Senior Care Facility Emergency Drill Adv. Plan 4 MH
- 12/22 - 7 CERTs Mutual Aid S&R 1 MH
- 1/13 - 9 CERTs New Class Operations Orientation 24 MH
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Stamford CERT

- Provided radio communications for the Stamford Veterans Parade. Handled all parade radio communications between parade organizers and marching groups as well as communications within the parade organizers. Also controlled parade sequencing and distance between parade elements. 20 CERTs participated (Nov 12, 2017)
- Provided assistance to Stamford Police Dept in crowd control for the Stamford Balloon Parade. Also deployed four CERTS with wind measuring equipment to track and report winds at major intersections for balloon safety. 61 CERTs total - 32 from Stamford, 29 total from New Canaan, Westport, Wilton, Fairfield and Monroe (Nov 19, 2017)
- Staffed the Stamford EOC during the snow/blizzard conditions during the Jan 4 storm. 8 CERTs total (Jan 4, 2018)

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R2 CERT January REPORTOUT

*Joel Severance
Region 2*

Killingworth

The only addition activation the CERT members is 14 man hours in Nov and 12 in Dec packing Food baskets for the food pantry.

DART

Other than regular meetings, this is the only call we have had recently. Tried to get help closer to them as time is always important, no success. We told them our arrival would take an hour & half and they still wanted us. Got about half way there when they turned us around. Apparently the call originated with someone from DEMHS that knew about us. Unfortunately the horse did not survive. :(

We have some new equipment donated to us especially for mud rescues. Hope to practice with it during warmer weather.

January 14th Responded to an out of Town Call for a Draft Horse stuck in mud in freezing conditions. Specialized rescue equipment needed. Vet turned them back enroute....too late.

Durham CERT:

Good Story; As I mentioned before my CERT Good Story is a UNH Graduate has now taken over the Durham CERT Team. Here is his first reportout

Local Activations 3, 16 Participants 58 Hours

Structure Fire

Horse stuck in mud

Loose pig

Hamden

Hamden CERT has participated in two local requests for support by the Hamden Fire Marshall's Office in assistance keeping fire lanes clear during High School hockey games. Had a meeting and training session with 31 personnel sworn in so far for 2018. Will be starting a CERT basic training class Feb. 8th and hope to start a Teen CERT basic training class in March.

Bethany

29 activations since November 15th.

258 Participants

986 Volunteer Hours

Only 1 Storm Activation. Others mtgs, Town Events and Training

R2CERT

12 people completed the Planning for a disaster for large animals including agricultural animals including sheltering in place and evacuation. The Guilford Vet did the training.

Wallingford

Had 12 graduates from their recent Basic CERT Class.

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*Harley Grami ?
Don Davis
Region 3*

Citizen Corps Council

CRCOG/DEMHS Region 3 Meeting

RESF 6 (Volunteer Services Section)

Monday January 8, 2018

1. DEMHS Region 3 Coordinator Mr. Bill Turley gave us information on the Hurricane Evacuee/Relief effort to help make a smooth transition for the Evacuees. Bill conducts a conference call with the different cities in the region that are receiving Evacuees. These calls take place every Monday morning to help acquire the needed resources for the cities. Bill then attends a statewide conference on Tuesday afternoon and passes the information to all the other regions. So far the two biggest problems are Housing and Education. FEMA will be sending ten case managers to the state to help. They will also be working with the RED CROSS; SALVATION ARMY; CATHOLIC CHARITIES to help the Evacuees
2. CERT Ambassador Program – No requests for our team
3. Funding Requests – Category A –Bristol, Middletown -mid February;
Vernon –March/April Category B – No Requests
Category D – Wesleyan

All requests were approved and sent to state committee.

4. Preparedness Committee – The committee held a meeting December 6, 2017 at the CRCOG Offices in the large conference room. We had a large turnout for this meeting. The committee is in search of a location for this year and is preparing a topic for a Table Top Exercise. The September date for last year conflicted with the different teams participation in local fairs, parades, and other functions so the committee is considering moving the date to maybe October.

5. Several of our teams were busy helping the needy in their communities, from collecting food items for the food pantries, toys for under privileged children, to adopting families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

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*Jim Larkin
Region 4/*

**Region 4 Update Summary
Jim Larkin/NECCOG/NCEMC**

- Northeast CT Emergency Management Committee met January 9
- Reviewed Storm preparations for the January 4 winter storm. Some towns did open unmanned warming shelters.
- Northeast CT MRC will partner with Red Cross on their Home Fire Campaign in the Northeast Training was held on 1/16/17.
- Reviewed upcoming training
 - Jan 23-25 IMT/EOC interface training in Windham
 - Killingly Fire Marshal's office offering Fire Scene preservation February 7
 - School Security Conference at Woodstock academy July 18-20 , 2018

Scoville, Eric

*Paul Gibb
Region 5*

From: paulgibb@optonline.net
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 2:23 PM
To: DEMHS-DL Citizen Corps
Cc: Scoville, Eric; Stewart, Rita
Subject: Report of NHCCC - January 18, SCCC Meeting

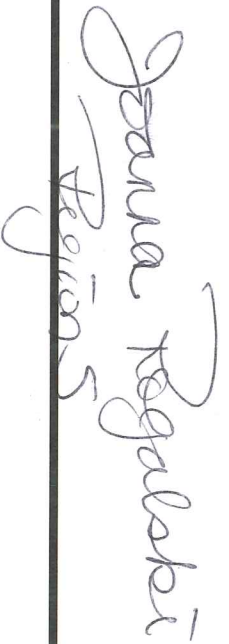
The Report of the NHCCC submitted via phone on January 18 was as follows:

1. The NHCCC is preparing to begin delivery of its spring/summer training program for NHCCC CERT teams. The first session will be Family Assistance Center training in February, followed by Active Shooter training in April and Commodities Distribution Training in June.
2. At least one NHCCC CERT team was placed on standby during the recent high winds/extreme cold event for possible shelter duty. However, no teams were actually activated to the knowledge of NHCCC (Note: The DEMHS Region 5 office subsequently added that there were 3 teams activated in December in Region 5 but it is not known whether these were NHCCC teams or other Region 5 teams).
3. No NHCCC CERT teams have been activated due to ice jams along the Housatonic River as there are no CERT teams in the NHCCC towns that the Housatonic river flows through.

Paul Gibb
Special Projects Coordinator for the
Region 5 REPT
Chairman, NHCCC
860-459-6801

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Scoville, Eric



Joanna Rogalski
Regions

From: Joanna Rogalski <JRogalski@nvcogct.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Scoville, Eric
Subject: NVCOG report for CERT mtg 1-18-18

Hello Eric

NVCOG Report for the 1-18-18 meeting of Statewide Citizen Corps Council (SCCC).

During the last NVCOG Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps meeting on January 11, 2018, the following topics were discussed:

- Naugatuck CERT planning a class for February 2018
- Possibility of organizing a food safety class for shelter activation situations, class may be arranged through Chesprocott Health District
- Continued interest in drone training for CERT members
- Bristol hosting a CERT basic training class, first meeting is on February 13, 2018

Kind regards

Joanna B. Rogalski
Regional Planner



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Katherine McCormack
MRC



Connecticut MRC Program January 2018

There are 23 officially recognized MRC units in CT.

The fall/winter 2017 issue of *Readiness Dispatch* will be out shortly. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list, contact Katherine @ kmccor4040@aol.com. The fall/winter edition will be available next week.

MRC Unit leaders continue to participate in monthly MRC Well Check conference calls. The most recent was January 9, 2018 and focused on the MRC Program Core Competencies. The Competencies were revised 2015 based on MRC Competency Advisory Committee.

The Capitol Region MRC recognized one of its long standing volunteers, retired Col. Robert Nearine, with the Josephine Picone Memorial Merit Award at its December 2017 meeting/training/volunteer recognition. Josephine Picone was one of the first CR-MRC volunteers in 2003 and Jo received an MRC Merit Award from Jeff Bauman (Boston Marathon/Stronger) at the 2014 Citizen Corps Council Conference 2014. Jo died on Thanksgiving Day 2017.

Katherine McCormack continues to attend and participate in the CT Citizen Corps Council monthly meetings representing Connecticut's MRC program.

The 2018 MRC Challenge Award applications closed mid-December and several CT MRC units applied for new or continuation funding. Six CT units were awarded funding in 2017. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2018 Challenge awards will be announced on or about January 26, 2018.

West Haven MRC has a new unit coordinator, Joe Soto.

Congratulations to Monica Wheeler, Westport, Weston, Wilton MRC on her December 31, 2017 retirement. Mike Vincelli has been appointed the new MRC Coordinator.

Many of the CT MRC unit leaders will be attending the Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, April 17-20, 2018. This year's theme is "Strengthening National Health Security: Mastering Ordinary Responses, Building Resilience for Extraordinary Events."



State of Connecticut- CERT/MRC Capability Survey Results (1/18/2018):

Survey Title:

State of Connecticut- Citizen Corps Program
Team Multilingual Capability Survey

Purpose:

The purpose of this survey was to gather information on the Multilingual Capability of Citizen Corps (CERT/MRC) teams in the State of Connecticut. This information will be used for future/ongoing events where Citizen Corps (CERT/MRC) teams may be utilized for translation services in multilingual environments

Methodology:

Sent to all CERT and MRC team leaders via the Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council members and the DEMHS Regional Coordinators utilizing Survey Monkey software. All information is voluntarily self-reported.

Summary of Data:

Total Respondents: 166

Total # Respondents with Multi-lingual Capability: 40 (26 Teams)

Total # Respondents with Multi-Lingual Capability Willing to Provide Volunteer Services: 27 (17 Teams)

Team leaders may request more detailed information by emailing [Eric Scoville at Eric.Scoville@ct.gov](mailto:Eric.Scoville@ct.gov)

CERT/MIRC Multilingual Capability Survey

Teams by DEMHS Region	Capability # Persons	Certified Translators					Fluent/Native/Conversational							
		Portuguese	Spanish	French	Polish	Other	Portuguese	Spanish	French	Polish	Other			
1	10		2			2	1				4	1		4
Fairfield CERT	1											1		1
Greenwich MRC	1												1	
Stamford CERT	4		1			2					2	1		2
Wilton CERT	4		1			2					2	1		1
2	1													1
Hamden CERT	1													1
3	15		5			3	1	3	1		5	1	1	7
Canton CERT	1												1	1
East Hartford CERT	1					1								1
Enfield CERT	1													1
Farmington CERT	1													1
Granby CERT	1					1								1
Middletown CERT	2		2								2			1
Somers CERT	2		1			1					1	1		2
Wesleyan University CERT	6		2			1	1				2	1		2
4	5		2	1		1					2	1		2
Groton MRC	1		1								1			1
Ledge Light Health District MRC	1							1						1
Lyme CERT	1													1
Uncas Health District MRC	1		1								1			1
Windham CERT	1													1
5	9					2					4	2	1	3
Brookfield CERT	1					1						1		1
Cornwall CERT	1													1
Naugatuck CERT	1													1
Naugatuck Valley MRC	1												1	1
NDDH MRC	1													1
New Milford CERT	2					1								2
Newtown CERT	1													1
Newtown CERT	1													1
Grand Total	40		9	1		8	3	3	16	6	3	17		17

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Other Languages Reported:

American Sign Language

Dutch

German

Hindi

Hungarian

Italian

Japanese

Mandarin

Marathi

Norwegian

Romanian

Russian

Thai

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Teams by DEMHS Region	Capability # Persons		Resource Centers	Self-identified Volunteer w/ Multi-Lingual Capability			Volunteer Call Taker
				Information Kiosks	Greeters at Airport/Elsewhere		
1	8	8		5	2	4	
Greenwich MRC	1	1		1	1	1	
Stamford CERT	3	3		1	1	1	
Wilton CERT	4	4		3		3	
2	1	1		1	1	1	
Hamden CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
3	12	12		11	10	10	
East Hartford CERT	1	1					
Enfield CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Farmington CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Granby CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Middletown CERT	2	2		2	2	2	
Somers CERT	2	2		2	2	2	
Wesleyan University CERT	4	4		4	4	4	
4	4	4		3	4	3	
Groton MRC	1	1		1	1	1	
Lyme CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Uncas Health District MRC	1	1		1	1	1	
Windham CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
5	2	2		2	2	2	
Naugatuck CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Newtown CERT	1	1		1	1	1	
Grand Total	27	27		22	19	20	

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