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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Minutes
DESPP-DEMHS Region 2
Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) Special Meeting
November 15, 2019
Immediately following REPT-SC meeting
Cheshire Fire Department
250 Maple Avenue, Cheshire, CT

1. Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/Establish a Quorum

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 10:56 am with 16 voting members.

2. Public Comment

3. Review and acceptance of REPT minutes –March 15, 2019 regular meeting.

Rick Fontana made a motion to accept the minutes from the REPT meeting on March 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mike Maglione. Motion passed unanimous.

4. Region 2 REPT Chair Report (Laura Francis)

Laura Francis said that she had learned if the EOC is activated, then a request can be made for the list of the people who have signed up with EverSource for Health and Safety. A discussion followed.

5. Fiduciary/ Lead RPO Report (RiverCOG’s Torrance Downes)

Tom Eighmie made a motion for the Fiduciary report and the ESF reports from the Steering Committee meeting to be included in the minutes. Mike Maglione seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimous.

The Fiduciary report and the ESF reports from the Steering Committee meeting read as:

Torrance Downes explained that the purchases for HSGP 2017 Grant and the HSGP 2018 Grant. They are:

2017

ESF 3 - Emergency Sign	\$17,220.41
ESF 10 - 20 Radios + accessories (part 1 or 2)	\$42,854.00 (Still checking to see if the
quote is contract prices)	
16 V3-10927 @118.15	\$ 1,890.40
3 6-unit chargers @ \$596.00	\$ 1,788.00

Allocated funds for 2017

IMT – Satellite dish	\$30,000.00
Bomb Squad	\$ 5,387.59
ESF 4	\$20,000.00

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2018

ESF 10 – Radios (part 2 of 2)	\$23,091.60
ESF 13 – Ballistic Vests (6)	\$23,784.00

Residual Unallocated Funds	\$ 3,132.38
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Allocated Funds for 2018

ESF 2 – PSAP (Phase 1)	\$70,000.00
Cyber Security	\$40,000.00
Bomb Squad	\$48,000.00
ESF 8 Tabletop	\$15,000.00
Team Leader Training	\$12,232.00

There was a discussion about the quoted price on the portable radios, possibly saving approx.. \$800.

There was a discussion about the number of Ballistic Vests and using the remaining funds.

6. Emergency Support Function Reports (ESF)

A. ESF 1 – Transportation (Jean Davies)

Jean Davies explained that she is working a pilot project for information distribution on touch screen technology for agriculture and food systems. The pilot does not have an emergency management aspect except that it could possibly be used for emergency management information. There is no funding involved because of a grant that was secured.

B. ESF 2 – Communications (Jared Heon/Frank Kiernan)

1. PSAP - Jared Heon talked about a letter that will be going out to all of the PSAP directors to explain the project and establish contact people. They will then start going out and see what people have. The process should be quick.
2. TIC plan – information on accountability of the project and explaining what is happening.
3. Regional radio reprogramming – has received the radios, Jacob has done inventory on them. Have been told that the reprogramming costs will have to be added to the budget. The radios have to be looked at to see what has to be done before a price can be calculated. If these radios are not immediately reprogrammed, there are other radios that are capable of doing the same thing. There are presently 15 of the 21 radios accounted for. Jonathan Mulhern said that the radios were beneficial for the Federal



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and State agencies working with local police and were used for large events. A discussion followed.

4. Jared said that they are going to be hosting 4 trainings, dates to be determined at the December meeting. There will be a valley training, a New Haven training, a Valley Shore area training and a Wallingford training.

C. ESF 3 – Public works (Walter Adametz)

No report.

D. ESF 4 – Firefighting (Chief Jack Casner)

No report.

E. ESF 5 – Emergency Management (Rick Fontana)

1. Rick said that he is working with Torrance and Kevin McManus on MCV Bootcamp training. Looking for two dates in January at the New Haven Fire Academy for about 15 people and a full regional asset.

F. ESF 6 – Mass Care (Susan Shaw) John Glendon

No report.

G. ESF 7 – Resource Management (Jim Buck)

Working on getting a regional asset list with Tom Lenart.

H. ESF 8 – Health/ Medical (Deepa Joseph/ Jim Paturas)

1. Bill Richards mentioned for Deepa Joseph that the health care coalition is now statewide. The representative is April Alfano from Yale New Haven Health.

I. ESF 9 – USAR (CT TF1)

No report.

J ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials (Mike Shove)

1. Mike Shove reported on training sessions, explaining that there were three sessions in October at the New Haven Fire Academy, a good amount of people attended. Mike said that they also integrated a communication system for all of the 30 towns.

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2. Did a night time meeting and worked on meeting schedules. The next meeting is in January.

K. ESF 11 – Agriculture & Natural Resource (Tyler Roasa)

No report.

L. ESF 12 – Energy (Lynn Vasquez)

Lynn Vasquez reported on the Emergency Response Meetings throughout the state that were completed with the municipalities throughout October.

There was a discussion about UI and the priority of calling levels. The “life safety” calls from dispatch centers will go to a specific line.

A suggestion was made to use “I Restore” program that is used in Massachusetts,

M. ESF 13 – Law Enforcement (Deputy Chief Ray Stuart/Jonathan Mulhern)

No report.

N. ESG 14 – Long-Term Recovery & Mitigation (Bill Richards)

No report.

O. ESF 15 – Public and External Communications (IMT 2 PIO)

No report.

P. ESF 19 – Functional Needs (Michelle Duprey)

No report.

Q. ESF 20 – Port Security (Rick Fontana)

1. Rick Fontana reported that the Maritime Security Plan- 5 year update - was done at the New Haven Fire Academy. The State Director of Homeland Security came.

2. Rick reported that there was a fuel spill at the port and everything worked out well but a 911 call was not made. It is very important that the protocol includes activating the 911 system.

3. Joel Severance reported that the Statewide Citizen Corps Advisory Council has two members on the Nationwide DHS, FEMA Citizens Corps Council.

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4. Joel also said that the Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council was named – National AAMC of the year. Chairman US Coast Guard Captain Kevin Reed, Commander. Co-Vice chair is Bill Hackett
The LIS AMSC includes the 3 Marine Groups
43 Maritime Security Committees in nation. The AMC's advise USCG Federal Maritime Security Coordinators on maritime security issues, plans and exercises.

7. Region 2 IMT -Tim Baldwin

No report.

8. Community Emergency Response Teams (Joel Severance/ Bob Freeman)

Joel Severance reported that:

DART

A. Chester responded to a horse down.

Middlefield responded to a call about a pig.

B. Community Service

- Durham trick or treat

- Durham giving tree

C. Training

- Large Animal Emergency Rescue in Red Hook, NY

D. Orange

- Meeting concerning diffusing a verbal issue

- Drug take bake

- Funtober Fest

CERT

-Training Nov 20, 2019 – Donald Kaletsky on cold weather preparedness

- UNH - December 2nd at 2:00 pm graduation

- Training - TEEEX course on wide area searches

VSCERT

-Four members added

- Training - December 3, 2019 – Mental First Aid course

- Community Service – Killingworth Food Pantry – November and December

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9. Bomb Squad

A. Roasa Melendez reported that they are waiting to hear about a canine training class that was proposed and when it will occur.

B. Roasa also reported that the informational Open Houses are continuing. Two additional open houses have been requested.

A comment was made that the open house was a great presentation. The people present were very interested in all that was said with the equipment and eventually the dogs.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

1. A meeting schedule is needed for 2020 with the rotating location of Cheshire, Guilford and Milford. All three locations approved the meeting dates at their locations. Jack Casner made a motion to accept the meeting dates and location rotation for the REPT and the REPT Steering Committee meetings for 2020. The motion was seconded by Ray Stuart.

2. A motion was made to approve the By-Law changes explained at the REPT Steering Committee meeting and shown as attached by Rick Fontana and seconded by Joel Severance. Motion passed unanimous.

Next Regular REPT meeting –January 17, 2020 –Guilford Fire Department, 390 Church Street, Guilford, CT

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

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