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DEMHS Region 2
REPT Steering Committee
January 19, 2024, Time: 9:30 AM
Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Voting Members:

In Attendance: Voting (*), Proxy (p)

Nicole Velardi, DEMHS (*); Scott Bisson, REPT SC Chairman; Walter Adametz ESF 3 (*); Rick Fontana, ESF 5 (*); Deepa Joseph, ESF 8 (*); Mike Shove, ESF 10 (*); TJ Magnoli, ESF 12 (*); Jonathan Mulhern, ESF 13 (*); Bill Richards, ESF 14 (*); Chet Sawicki, ESF 17 (*); Mike Shove, ESF 20 (*); Rick Fontana, SCRCOG (*); Jim Rode, SCRCOG (*); Susie Beckman, RiverCOG (*); Sam DeBurra, SCRCOG (*); Tom Eighmie, NVCOG EMD;

Guests:

John Lawlor, ESF 3; Don Schumacher, CT Water; Lisa Fasulo, Essex EMD; Olivia Chetcuti, DEMHS; Douglas Sharafanowich, CT ARES; Anthony Fabrizi, Milford FD; Alex Lenos, IMT West; Tyler Berube, DEMHS; Annmarie Drugonis, Seymour First Selectman; Thomas Hart, Colchester; Alexander Horjatschun, State PD; Tyranzia Edwards, DEMHS; Ray Guasp, Chester EMD; John Barbagallo, IMT WEST; Carol Jones, First Selectman Deep River; Drew Baklik, NVCOG; brendan Rea, Durham First Selectman; Mark Neuendorf, Derby EMD; Joe Barbagallo, CT West IMT; Michael Terenzio, West Haven FD; Emily Holland, Meriden; Cristona Schoeck, Meriden FD; Chris Edwards, Seymour FD; Tim Borer, Orange EMD; Ben Lovejoy, SCRCOG; Mark Neuendorf, Derby EMD; James Lovelace, Branford PD; Anthony Esposito, North Branford FD; Thomas Mahoney, Branford FD; Joe Woznyk, SWAT; Jim Paturas, ESF 8 Vice Chair – Yale Hosp; Joel Severance, CERT; Paula Cofrancesco, Bethany Selectman, REPT Chairman and REPT Steering Committee Co-Chair; Janice EhleMeyer, RiverCOG;

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions, Establish a Quorum**
Scott Bisson, Region 2 REPT SC Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:33am. A role call was made with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established with 16 voting members.
2. **Acceptance of REPT SC minutes: December 15, 2023**
A motion was made to accept the minutes from the REPT Steering Committee meeting on December 15, 2023, by Bill Richards and seconded by Mike Shove. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Fiduciary/ Lead RPO Report (RiverCOG's Susie Beckman)**
Susie Beckman reported that:
 - A. **2020 HSGP (ALCRA)** – expiring May 31, 2024

- If helmets cost what anticipated, the grant will be cleared out in the next couple of months

Total Allocated Remaining \$1,205.00 (allocated to helmets)
Total Unallocated Funds \$ 1,113.60 (allocated to helmets)

B. 2021 HSGP (ALCRA)– expiring on April 30, 2024

- Soft target money is still available - \$46,025.00
- Training (ESF4 ICS 300 & 400) - \$20,000.00
- Training (IMT) \$5,000.00
- Nicole Velardi reported that the grant has been extended to May 31, 2025

Total Allocated Remaining \$104,076.56 (\$79,076.56 allocated to helmets, \$25,000 allocated for training)

Total Unallocated Funds \$ 17,023.80 now allocated for helmets

C. 2022 HSGP (ALCRA)– expiring on April 30, 2025

- ESF 2 Communications \$47,326.50
- ESF 5 Cyber Security \$10,000
- ESF 10 NHASH HAZMAT \$381, required spend
- ESF 13 Law Enforcement \$29,085, required spend
- Bomb Squad \$75,943.01, required spend
- IMT (Team Admin) \$15,718.50, contract
- IMT (Vancor/TBNG contract) \$7,000
- Equipment Maintenance \$12,949.44 allocated, \$8,547.20 unallocated
- Training (IMT) \$5,000 allocated
- Training (General) \$13,530 unallocated

Total Allocated Remaining - \$203,022.45

Total Unallocated Funds - \$22,458.20

D. 2023 HSGP – expiring on April 30, 2026

Nothing spent to date

Total Allocated Remaining - \$301,436

Total Unallocated Remaining - \$88,280.97

E. 2023 EMPG (NHASH) - expiring on September 30, 2025

- Equipment - \$37,500.00 unallocated
- Training - \$37,500.00 unallocated

F. HSGP MOA & Resolutions

1. 2021 – is being wrapped up
2. 2022 - Outstanding
 - Derby – need resolution
 - North Branford – still expected
 - Seymour – some information received

4. Public Comment

No public comments.

5. Region 2 REPT-SC Chair Report – Scott Bisson / Mike Shove

Scott had a reminder from Nicole to get the SWOTs and membership lists in

6. DESPP – DEMHS Region 2 Report – Nicole Velardi

1. Nicole reported that SWOTS were due by today's meeting, there are only two on file.
2. Nicole reported that 2024 Homeland Security funding proposals area due at the February REPT SC meeting.
3. Regional Emergency Support Plans annexes were sent out in the summer; they were also due and need to have those returned also.
4. There is a CERT - Train the trainer classes
5. Future training will be on the Train-CT platform.
6. The Governor has activated the sever cold weather protocol. That will be in effect until noon on Monday. If your town has any warming shelters open, please go to WebEOC to indicate that they are open.
7. Nicole sent out a Damage Assessment Survey link for the rainstorms last week. If there was any damage in your town, please log it into that survey.
8. Next month there will be an REPT meeting. This will be a hybrid meeting. Please tell Nicole if you have a place to host the meeting.
9. Proxy letters are due, please turn them in before the REPT meeting in February.
10. EMPG program – If applying for the 2020 – 2023, you need your application on file completed by March 31st. Contact Tye with any questions.
11. The new custodial owner for the burn trailer is the Middlesex County Fire School. Now getting the paperwork done and new lettering on the trailer.
12. Nicole sent out a link for a gap accessibility assessment. The survey is due at the end of January. There will be a workshop in the future to work through those results and a report will be done.

7. Emergency Support Function Reports (ESF)

A. ESF 1 – Transportation (Laura Francis)

No report.

B. ESF 2 – Communications (Jared Heon / Bill Seward)

No report.

C. ESF 3 – Public works (Walter Adametz/ John Lawler)

1. Walter reported that the message board and the light tower were moved to Meriden with John Lawler. The grapple bucket is currently in Westbrook and will be returned to Meriden. Meriden will take custodial ownership until it is decided where the equipment will go.
2. Walter said that the ESF 3 working group is getting organized to start meeting again.
3. Walter announced that this was his last day as he is retiring. Walter thanked everyone for their support.

D. ESF 4, Firefighting (Chief Casner)

1. Nicole reported on the burn trailer – see Region 2 DEMHS report above.
2. Scott reported that one of the fit testers has gone out for repair. Scott is waiting for it to come back.

E. ESF 5 – Emergency Management (Rick Fontana / Laurel Smith)

No report.

F. ESF 5- Subcommittee – School Safety – Jeff Neilson

No report.

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

No report.

H. ESF 7 - Logistics (Jim O'Brien)

No report.

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

1. Deepa Joseph reported that the Public Health Departments have engaged in a Strategic Planning process concerning preparedness. They will be contacting people involved with logistics & resource management, public information, communications, and work force development.
2. Deepa reported that many respiratory viruses are increasing.
3. Jim Paturas reported that there are surges due to the flu, also COVID is going up.
4. Yale has activated their emergency plan as they are up to 180% capacity.

J. ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials (NHASH) (Mike Shove)

1. Mike Shove reported that the next meeting will be on February 13, 2024.
2. Mike reported that the Haz Mat Tech class has been completed, with 27 more HazMat technicians certified.

K. ESF 11 – Agriculture & Natural Resource (Tyler Rosa / Jean Davies)

No report.

L. ESF 12 – Energy (Ed DelMonte/ Thomas Magnoli)

TJ Magnoli from EverSource said that they have sent out some surveys to towns and some towns have requested follow-up meetings. If a town would like a meeting, please let TJ know.

M. ESF 13 – Law Enforcement – Jonathan Mulhern/Joe Woznyk

Johathan reported that the damaged long range acoustical device from the BearCat has been repaired and has now been remounted and is back in service.

N. ESF 14 – Long Term Recovery (Bill Richards)

1. Bill Richards reported that all issues are being resolved locally.
2. Bill thanked Walter Adametz for his work.

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

No report.

P. ESF 17 Cybersecurity (Chet Sawicki/Alex Lenos)

1. Alex Lenos said that they are going to be starting up the working group meetings again.
2. Alex reported that the annex was completed and sent back to Nicole.

Q. ESF 19 – Functional Needs (Gretchen Knauff)

No report.

R. ESF 20 – Port Security (Rick Fontana/ Dave Bradley)

1. Rick Fontana reported that a TSA exercise that was scheduled for January 24, 2024 has been postponed due to unforeseen issues.
2. Rick also reported that they are working on an after-action report from the event at the port on December 22, 2023.
3. Rick announced that he is retiring from New Haven as the Deputy Director of Emergency Operations as of February 1, 2024. He will then be transitioning to be the EMD in West Haven. Rick will continue to Chair ESF 5 and ESF 20.
4. Nicole said that there will be Con-Ops full day workshop coming up.

S. IMT West- (Jim O'Brien / Mark Amatrudo / Keith Flood)

No report.

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

1. Joel reported that:

DART

Has been very active in the last year.

Joel also reported that DESP has increased the grant money.

U. Bomb Squad – Rosa Melendez / Edward Dunford

No report.

V. SWAT Team Report (Captain Joe Woznyk)

No report.

8. Training –Joe Laucella

1. Jim Lovelace reported that the next meeting will be on January 24, 2024.
2. Scott reported that the ICS class was well received and well attended.

9. Presentations

No presentations.

10. Old Business

No old business.

11. New Business

Nicole reminded everyone that the next meeting will also be a REPT meeting with election of REPT Chair and Vice Chair. If anyone has a nomination, please email them to Nicole.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by a motion from Walter Adametz and seconded by Bill Richards. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Region 2 REPT-SC meeting: February 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Hybrid with Zoom/MicroSoft Teams

Respectfully submitted by:

Janice Ehle/Meyer

RiverCOG