

**Central Naugatuck Valley Emergency Planning Committee/
Citizen Corps-CERT**

Watertown Fire Department
Watertown, CT

January 9, 2014
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mark Casey, St Mary's Hospital; Mike Devine, Bethlehem; Fran Dambowsky, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NWCT Public Safety; Scott Pelletier, Oxford; Richard Mortensen, Prospect.

Staff: Joe Perrelli, COGCNV.

Scott Pelletier called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Joe Perrelli activated the conference call. Chet Sergey and Kirk Denton announced that they were on the conference call.

There were no public comments.

Joe Perrelli passed out contact info for Kittie Spedding, a consulting dietician, who runs free nutrition tours focused on emergency preparedness at Big Y stores. The tours are one hour and intended for groups of 10-12 adults. Ms. Spedding has done a number of these tours with CERT Teams in the Greater Hartford area. Mr. Perrelli presented a Citizens Corps grant application in the amount of \$500 to fund CPR training for Naugatuck's CERT Team. On a motion by Mike Devine, seconded by Richard Mortensen, it was voted to approve Naugatuck's Citizens Corps application.

The committee continued the discussion on sheltering functional needs populations. There is interest in setting up an arrangement similar to what is being done in Danbury and Torrington. Mark Casey represented St. Mary's Hospital and offered to help coordinate the dialogue in the CNVR going forward. The committee discussed different arrangements to aid those with special needs at shelters. In Waterbury, school nurses are on-hand at the shelters to provide aid. Alternatively, there could be a support network established to provide care to and encourage sheltering-at-home. The next step will involve getting the public health directors on board. Mark Casey invited anyone interested to attend the next Region 5 ESF-8 meeting on February 7 at Waterbury Hospital to address the issue with the public health community. Joe Perrelli mentioned that he will plan to attend the ESF-8 meeting.

There was no other regional business to report. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Perrelli
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