

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

Watertown Fire Department
Watertown, CT

March 13, 2014
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mike Devine, Bethlehem; Ken Hanks, Fran Dambowsky, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NWCT Public Safety; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Barry Rickert, Southbury.

On the phone: Natalie DosSantos, ARC; Chet Sergey, Wolcott.

Staff: Joe Perrelli, COGCNV.

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Joe Perrelli activated the conference call. Chet Sergey and Natalie DosSantos announced that they were on the conference call.

There were no public comments.

Joe Perrelli reported that he is working with the three CERT Teams that put in for the Simple Category D grants last month to collect all of the necessary information and approvals before procuring the items. The three teams put in for varying amounts of traffic cones and radios under the Citizens Corps grant, which allowed for the purchase of \$1,500 of equipment with the stipulation that the items had to be received by the end of March.

Mr. Perrelli gave an update on the DEMHS Region 5 meeting on February 27, where the REPT approved the procurement of the following equipment using available funds from DEMHS Region 5:

- 2 Variable Message Signs
- 1 Light Tower
- 1,720 Cones
- 258 Barricades
- 86 iPADS
- 86 Laminated Maps (one for each town and another of the town and adjacent area)
- 1 Gas Trainer
- 1 Hazard Tank Trainer
- 1 Propane Tank Trainer
- 500 CAT Tourniquets & Holders
- Credential Coordinator Expenses
- Smart Tags for ESF-8 Exercises

COGCNV staff will be responsible for printing the maps for the entire region. The lamination will be handled by a different company. Mike Devine suggested procuring markers if there are any leftover funds from that line item. He also mentioned adding a legend with standard colors for marking up the maps that should be available from FEMA. There was additional discussion about the issue of

road salt, which came up at the REPT meeting. Many towns were left without adequate supplies to cover their needs during the last few storms. Mr. Perrelli indicated that the region's CEOs have already talked about ways to work together to better plan for future salt needs on a regional level.

Chet Sergey reported that the Motorola radios have arrived from the state. They are supposedly preprogrammed with the STOCS channels. It would help if there were instructions on how they should be used.

Mr. Sergey also mentioned today's state-wide call down drill and the use of WebEOC for Cold Weather incident alerts.

Other items of interest:

- CL&P and UI have ceased or cut back on their tree trimming after concerns raised by environmental groups about the impact of these activities.
- There is a new 1,200-seat theater being proposed in Southbury, currently before the Zoning Commission.
- The town of Southbury has a new point-of-distribution located at the Grange Hall. The hall was cleaned out with help from local Boy Scouts.
- Ken Hanks was recognized as Firefighter of the Year by the Naugatuck Exchange Club.
- There will be a training on Multi-Hazard Emergency School Planning at Watertown Fire Dept. on March 27th and 28th.

There was no other regional business to report. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Perrelli
Senior Planner