

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

Watertown Fire Department
Watertown, CT

October 18, 2012
5:00 P.M.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Mike Devine, Bethlehem; Richard Mortensen, Prospect; Ken Hanks, Naugatuck; Steve Savage, NWCT Public Safety; Scott J. Pelletier, Oxford.

Staff: Joe Perrelli, Senior Planner, COGCNV.

Ken Hanks called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no public comments.

Ken Hanks briefed the committee on a workshop that he attended through the National Fire Academy on post-disaster recovery. There is a national initiative for regions to develop ESF-14 subcommittees to handle Disaster Recovery planning. A good model for administering Public Assistance program can be found on the website in Alabama - AlabamaPA.org. Ken distributed some of the materials that came from the workshop, including tables of Per Capita Indicators for State and County-level Disaster Declarations and guidance for Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments. The borough fell below the threshold for assistance after the flash floods in August. There was additional discussion on FEMA's policy for housing displaced persons and its preference for using rental units.

Joe Perrelli reported on the Statewide Citizens Corps meeting this afternoon. The group is in the process of drafting a CERT handbook, detailing the grants that are available and how to apply. There were no new Citizens Corps applications from our region.

Joe Perrelli reported on recent activities in DEMHS Region 5. The Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) adopted a spending plan for the FY 09 Supplemental grant in September. Funds should be available in October, and the grant must be fully-expended by the end of the year. The REPT approved the purchase of additional light towers for public works departments, thermal imaging cameras for fire departments, resource typing database software for the region, kitchen equipment for a regional shelter in Ridgefield, and an 800 MHz radio and cross-banding box for the regional communications trailer in Norfolk.

All of the cots that were purchased under the FY 08 Supplemental grant for Region 5 have arrived and were distributed to the towns in October. The FY 10 DEMHS grant requires an update of the regional resource typing data that was collected in 2008 from police, fire, public works, and EMS.

Region 5's ESF-5 group (Emergency Management) is discussing the development of a Field Guide for new CEOs and EMDs that would provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities and contain a list of important contacts. The committee agreed that a guide would be a valuable resource. There was discussion about how best to present the contact lists that would need to be easy-to-update and customized for each municipality.

Under other business, Mr. Perrelli mentioned that there is an upcoming Traffic Incident Management workshop in Hartford on November 19. Details on the workshop and registration will be sent out to the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Perrelli
Senior Planner