

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2009

Northeast Utilities EOC, Berlin

Jeff Williams (Groton), Pearl Rathbun (East Lyme), John H. Degnan (Eastern Highlands Health District), Ernest Frattini (Wallingfor), Bill Hacket (DEMHS), John Bowers (Madison), Michael Spera (Old Saybrook), Gary Ryon (Middletown), Don Davis (Ellington), Mike Ortengren (Granby), Adam Libros (Canton), Jim Randall (Chaplin), Chris Baker (Red Cross), Katherine McCormack (Hartford), George Dunn (Middletown), John Strieber (Ellington), Joel Severance (Chester), Michael Purcaro (Vernon)

1. Call the meeting to order at 1902 hrs
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call / Introductions: President Spera turned meeting over to Joel Severance to introduce Mike Fanelli from North East Utilities.
4. Professional Development:
 - a. Mike Fanelli from Northeast Utilities provided a presentation about its EOC.
 - b. Membership Ideas/Suggestions:
 - i. CEMA will provide the Northeast Utilities account executive contact information to its membership.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to integrate Northeast Utilities into Web EOC.
 - iii. VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING: Will contact venues suggested at last meeting (DOT, WVIT 30, State EOC).
 1. A suggestion was made to hold a meeting at Brainard to see USAR equipment or the air traffic control room.
 - iv. A suggestion was made to hold another Web EOC training meeting at the Armory for local EMD's.
5. Adopt meeting minutes: A motion was made to approve the October 22nd meeting minutes and was seconded and approved with two corrections.
6. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a balance of \$6,692.00. Please see attached report. A motion to approve treasurer's report was seconded and approved at 1957 hrs.
7. Committees:
 - a. Legislative Committee Report:
 - i. Attempt to disband the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security:
 1. CEMA lobbied to ensure DEMHS would not be eliminated or combined with the Department of Public Safety. The State OEM Director thanked CEMA for their support.
 2. A suggestion was made to set-up a statewide notification system for EMDs.
 - ii. Meeting with Vice President Biden and Senator Liberman:
 1. CEMA President Spera was invited by IAPC to meet with Vice President Biden and the new attorney general regarding Homeland Security and funding challenges.
 2. A meeting was also attended with Senator Liberman regarding homeland security funding.
 - b. Membership Committee Report:
 - i. Status of the Membership Drive: 10 municipalities joined CEMA since the October meeting bringing the total to approximately 70 municipalities represented.

- ii. CEMA is working with DEMHS to create a GIS map of CEMA membership on the DEMHS website.
- c. Newsletter Committee Report:
 - i. The next CEMA newsletter is in process.
- d. Establishment of Fundraising Committee:
 - i. There was a call for members interested in joining the committee – no members joined at this time.
- 8. IAEM Report: This year's conference will be held October 31 to November 5, 2009 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Visit www.iaem.com for registration information.
- 9. Homeland Security Coordinating Council and Subcommittee Representative Reports:
 - a. Next meeting is Thursday, March 12, 2009.
 - b. CEMA asked for changes to the DEMHS credentialing standards document.
 - i. A suggestion was made to amend titles of DPW positions in the credentialing document.
- 10. Old Business: Women's CEMA polo shirts were ordered and received.
- 11. New Business:
 - a. CCM Symposium - CEMA's Role:
 - i. The keynote speaker will be Dave Miller, EMD from Iowa.
 - ii. CEMA will provide facilitators for the conference.
 - b. Chief Dunn is holding a full-scale exercise in the town of Middletown. The exercise will include the general population, special needs patients as well as pets and livestock. Please contact Chief Dunn if you are interested in being a volunteer or an observer.
 - c. Chester EMD discussed a hurricane preparedness drill in Old Lyme.
 - d. Hartford EMD discussed the need to improve communication between the local EMDs and DEMHS regarding sheltering plans during an emergency.
 - e. Next MRC meeting will be held at the POD exercise in Hartford with DPH.
 - i. If you are interested in attending the POD exercise, contact Carmine Centrella at CRCOG.
 - f. A suggestion was made to hold the next CEMA meeting at the upcoming Middletown exercise (item b).
 - g. Town of Ellington EMD is hosting a photography class for FD or EM personnel. Additional information will be posted on the CEMA website.
 - h. Vernon EMD acknowledged the Deputy EMD's from Vernon, Ellington and Sommers for creating and graduating the first tri-town CERT team.
 - i. The State OEM Director discussed the upcoming Milstone nuclear exercise.
 - j. CEMA polo shirts are \$18 to purchase.
- 12. State DEMHS Regional Representative Reports:
 - a. DEMHS will work to rotate a Regional Coordinator to attend upcoming CEMA meetings.
 - b. The Consequence and National Disaster Plans have been signed by Governor Rell and will be rolled out in May.
 - c. There will be a hurricane preparedness meeting on June 2. Possible attendees include a representative from FDNY to talk about the recent Hudson River plane crash response.
 - d. The Army Corps of Engineers is releasing a new overlay map for hurricane evacuations along the East Coast. The map will be distributed by DEHMS Regional Coordinators.
 - e. Regional Coordinators are teaming up with the critical infrastructure unit to visit municipalities.
 - f. EMD of the year nomination forms are available via DEHMS.
 - g. A UCONN homeland security online class was discussed.
 - h. Courses offered at the Naval Postgraduate School in California and Virginia were discussed.
- 13. Next Meeting Date is **Wednesday, April 22 2009 LOCATION TBD**
- 14. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was seconded and approved at 21:00 hrs.