Terrorism Incident Preparedness for Chief Elected Officials

CRCOG co-sponsored with the City of Middletown, a seminar on Terrorism Incident Preparedness for Chief Elected Officials on September 30, 2005. The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center at Texas A&M University conducted the conference. As part of the seminar, a mock press conference was conducted by NBC 30 news reporters Brandon Rudat and Debra Bogstie where CEO’s were presented with a scenario involving a local college student and suspected anthrax and asked how they would respond.

CT Transportation Summit Set for November 14

CRCOG together with CCSU, the Regional Plan Association, and CCM is sponsoring the 2005 Transportation Finance Summit from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm at Central Connecticut State University featuring state leadership and national experts on innovations in financing transportation and transit. Registration information: contact Jessie Cohen at jcohen@ccm-ct.org.

New Employee Joins CRCOG

Ming Zhao joined CRCOG in October and is responsible for managing CRCOG’s travel forecasting program. With his extensive experience and education in transportation planning and engineering, he will reinforce our already strong technical capabilities in travel modeling and traffic engineering. Ming has a Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering from the University of Connecticut and has extensive experience in the transportation profession. He worked for six years as a railway engineer in his native
China, and five years as a transportation research assistant at the University of Connecticut. For the last five years, he worked as a senior travel modeler and project manager at a transportation consulting firm where he was involved in modeling projects in Houston, Denver, and New Jersey among others. In addition to his experience, Ming is an energetic and enthusiastic employee who fits in well at CRCOG. We welcome Ming, his wife, and two children to the CRCOG family.

**Capitol Region Public Safety Council Celebrates 10 Years**

The Capitol Region Public Safety Council reached their ten-year anniversary this September and to celebrate, CRCOG will host a luncheon at the new Hartford Marriott on November 9th at 12:00 noon. For more details please contact Kristin Dean at kdean@crcog.org or 522-2217 x 21.

**CRCOG Presentation at CT Safe Kids Conference**

CT Safe Kids, an organization dedicated to the reduction of preventable injuries in children, invited Sandy Fry, Principal Transportation Planner, to speak on Pedestrian Safety at the CT Safe Kids Conference in Meriden on September 29th. CRCOG’s work in pedestrian planning, with the completion of a pedestrian safety study and the adoption of our Pedestrian Plan, has raised our visibility and we are often invited to speak on pedestrian topics. This gathering of professionals involved in childhood safety was interested in learning about the options for improving pedestrian safety.

**CRCOG Hosts a Workshop on Federal Transportation Legislation**

Following a format that has proved to work well in the region, CRCOG sponsored a workshop on the new federal transportation legislation: SAFETEA-LU. The October 6th session was a two-hour webinar sponsored by the American Public Works Association. Windsor once again provided its Town Hall as the venue for the session. Representatives from 10 municipalities attended the webinar.
Supervisory Training A Success

CRCOG launched its professional development program with two half-day training sessions entitled *Stepping Up to Supervision* during September, which drew some 35 local officials from across the Region to Hartford Hospital’s Newington Campus. The course was so well received that future classes covering time management, communication and team building are now being considered for the spring.

CRCOG’s online and in person training course on Motivating Employees is currently being held as a pilot for future training offerings in partnership with the Connecticut Consortium for Distance Learning. CRCOG’s Municipal Services Committee is working to create a one-stop shopping directory of recommended trainers based on areas of expertise and cost. Please forward contact information for any recommended trainers to Hedy Ayers’ attention at hayers@crcog.org.

Save the Date -- Capitol Region Purchasing Council

The Capitol Region Purchasing Council will host its annual meeting this year on Monday, November 7th from 12-3:30 p.m. at the Lyceum Resource and Conference Center in Hartford. Presentations/discussions on reverse auctions, energy procurement and Job Order Contracting (the winner of NIGP’s “Best of the Best Award”) will help to round out what promises to be an informative session. Purchasing Council Representatives—mark your calendars!

Regional Transportation Plan Now Available in Spanish

As part of its effort to make transportation programs more accessible to those who don’t speak English well, CRCOG staff has completed an Executive Summary of the Regional Transportation Plan. English and Spanish-language versions are both available on the CRCOG website: [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org).

Upcoming CRCOG Meetings

Transportation Committee, Monday, November 7, 2005, 12 Noon
Municipal Services Committee, Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 12 Noon
**NOTE NEW DATE:** Policy Board, Wednesday, November 16, 12:00 Noon
Regional Planning Commission, Thursday, November 17, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Public Safety Council, Thursday, December 8, 2005, 12 Noon
**New CRCOG Board Member Welcome, Wednesday December 14, 10:30 a.m. – 12 Noon**

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