RESF-1 Transportation
November 14, 2007
Meeting Notes

In attendance: Ken Loock, East Hartford, Chair; Bill Austin, West Hartford FD & CREPC; Tom Gavaghan, DEMHS; Phil Moberg, ConnDOT; D. J. Gonzales, GHTD; Andrew Lawrence, Hartford PD; Richard Roethlein, CT State Police & Somers Resident Trooper; Jim Strillacci, West Hartford PD; Ed DeMarco, East Windsor PD; Roger Hart, East Windsor PD; Wayne I. Rioux, Manchester Emergency Preparedness; Robert Haramut, MRPA; Margus Laan, CCRPA; Cheryl Assis, CRCOG; and Karen Olson, CRCOG.

Welcome: In the absence of the Chair, Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the table.

Local RESF-1 Responsibilities: Chief Bill Austin lead a discussion of the various roles of the federal, State and local governments in regard to the role of transportation in an emergency. The objective was to discover what regional and municipal responsibilities would be in that regard. A graphic representation of the discussion is attached.

Mr. Loock remarked that East Hartford is a designated host city for Millstone in Waterford and that his community had taken part in several evacuation drills. Important considerations include: establishing detours, arranging for bus transportation and proving identification cards for drivers. Persons without access to private transportation are a special consideration. Mr. Gavaghan commented that DEMHS also participates in evacuation drills and that a FEMA-evaluated drill is scheduled for March 2008.

The group also discussed the fact that the development of a list of available transportation resources has been started, but that the effort was discontinued until a format was available from DEMHS. DEMHS is undertaking a similar effort on a statewide basis. It was concluded that it might be a better idea to continue this effort rather than wait for the State guidance.

In reviewing the local/regional responsibilities (see attached graphic), it was decided that three in particular (evacuations, highway diversion plans, and an incident management team) would form a framework for the next several RESF-1 meetings. Ms. Olson will investigate the re-distribution of the existing I-91 and I-84 highway diversion plans; she will also determine the status and availability of the draft “Freeway to Freeway” diversion plans for possible review by RESF-1. With regard to the Incident Management role, the committee will at some future time be asked to review the draft Unified Response Manual being developed at the State level. Mr. Gavaghan offered to host a future meeting of RESF-1 at the State EOC.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Next Meeting: the next meeting of the RESF-1 will be January 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., place to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.
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