RESF-1 Transportation Minutes  
March 19, 2008

In attendance: Ken Loock, East Hartford, Chair; Bill Austin, West Hartford FD & CREPC; James Bradford, CT Transit; Sgt. Andrew Lawrence, Hartford PD; Edward DeMarco, East Windsor PD; Wayne I. Rioux, Manchester Emergency Preparedness; Gordon Harris, DEMHS; Margus Laan, Central CT RPA; Robert Haramut, Midstate RPA; Carmine Centrella and Karen Olson, CRCOG.

Welcome: Chair Ken Loock called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the table.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting were approved without changes.

CT Transit Update: James Bradford, CT Transit, reported that he had begun to reach out to drivers concerning their role as responders in the event of an emergency. He and Karen Olson have drafted an introductory document that can be published in the drivers’ monthly newsletter and placed in their mailboxes. The plan is to identify and work with volunteers who can commit to this role. Ken Loock suggested the “Go Bags” be made available for those drivers.

SWOT Exercise, Continued: Carmine Centrella asked if there were any further additions or changes to be made to the SWOT analysis that was initiated at the last meeting. There were none.

SWOT Exercise, Next Steps: Mr. Centrella continued the discussion regarding the “Next Steps” that would be necessary to convert Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats into Strengths. Several ideas were discussed including expanding our communication capabilities especially with transit providers (CT Transit, other public and private bus companies, and municipal social service agencies), through the WebEOC, and through the development of a real-time dynamic coordination of resources. It was also pointed out that purchasing and installing evacuation direction signs would be a benefit.

The discussion also looked at low cost/no cost opportunities: developing (or adopting and disseminating) a commuter release plan, developing the leadership of RESF-1, better identifying the roles and responsibilities of RESF-1, and developing a better understanding of the usage SOPs for the State’s variable message signs. We also need to reach out to other entities and involve them in the RESF-1 work: school bus operators, other transit providers.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RESF-1 will be April 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., place TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.