RESF-1 Transportation Minutes
July 16, 2008

In attendance: Ken Loock, East Hartford, Chair; Jim Strillacci, West Hartford PD; Tom Gavaghan, Tom Mazzochi, and Gordon Harris, DEMHS; Phil Moberg, and Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT; Brenda Shaw, NCCEMS/CMED; Andrew Lawrence, Hartford Police Department; Karen Olson, CRCOG.

Welcome: Chair Ken Loock called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the table.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting were approved without changes.

North Central Connecticut EMS Council /NCC CMED: Brenda Shaw gave a detailed report on the functions of the NCC CEMD, particularly the fact that it coordinated communication among EMS services, ambulances and area hospitals when a mass casualty incident (MCI) takes place. She distributed a fact sheet listing the CMED MCI levels with associated resources that would be automatically deployed (sheet attached.)

Ms. Shaw asked about the notification process that takes place when the RED Plan is activated and when it is not. Should CMED notify the RED Plan management, and if so, who should be notified? A suggestion of notifying Chief Austin and or the RESF5 duty officer was made, but Mr. Loock promised to get more specific answers to her following the meeting. Ms. Shaw stated that she wanted to make sure that she was communicating through proper channels.

Karen Olson remarked that several years ago at an Incident Management Steering Committee meeting (the predecessor of RESF1), CMED was added to the ConnDOT and State Police notification lists when significant highway incidents took place. This was to allow for ambulances to perhaps be put on stand-by but more importantly to give ambulances on routine or other emergency calls notification to avoid a particular area if possible. Ms. Shaw stated that CMED is still receiving those notifications.

Ms. Shaw also offered to share an area “events list” that CMED compiles which gives emergency responders notification of planned events which might result in a call. (The list is now posted on the www.crcog.org website: from the Home Page, click on RED Plan, then click on RESF1 documents in the lefthand column.)

Old Business: Ms. Olson stated that the draft Unified Response Manual for incidents on limited access highways has been adopted by DEMHS for continuing maintenance and in order to develop a training program, and that it would be presented to the State Transportation Strategy Board the following day for endorsement (where it was in fact endorsed.) She expects that in the fall, RESF1 will have a role in disseminating the URM to area responders.

Tom Gavaghan informed the group that the Web EOC is expected to be activated in March 2009.

New Business: Sgt. Lawrence described a recent event at Brainard Airport at which the police and the fire department had a difficult time accessing a plane crash because there was no way to contact airport management. Phil Moberg offered to provide the contact information.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RESF-1 will be September 17th, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., place TBD. There will be no meeting in August. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.