RESF-1 Transportation Minutes
September 17, 2008

In attendance: Ken Loock, East Hartford, Chair; Jim Strillacci, West Hartford PD; Tom Gavaghan, and Gordon Harris, DEMHS; Phil Moberg, and Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT; James Bradford, CT Transit; Karyn Bennett, First Transit (GHTD); Karen Olson, CRCOG.

Welcome: In the absence of the Chair, Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the table.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Gordon Harris and seconded by Jim Strillacci) without changes.

Unified Response Manual: Ms. Olson reviewed with the group the Unified Response Manual stating that it had been endorsed by the Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board in July. The URM will be posted on the DEMHS website soon, and then subsequently will be accessible from the CRCOG website. It was noted that the Hartford Police Department numbers in the URM are in fact those of the West Hartford Police Department and need to be corrected. In addition it was suggested that a flip card or some quick reference card be developed to include the most important items in the manual. This information will be passed along to the DEMHS contact. (Chair Loock arrived during this discussion.)

Old Business: While referring to the minutes from the last meeting, Ms. Olson asked Chair Loock if he had received specific questions from CMED about communication channels and replied that he had not. She also mentioned that our ConnDOT reps Phil Moberg and Stephen Livingston had provided her with Brainard Airport contacts. Mr. Loock suggested that this information be provided to Katherine McCormack at the City of Hartford.

Tom Gavaghan brought the group up-to-date on the status of the WebEOC, which is still scheduled to be activated in April 2009. DEMHS Regions 1 and 4 have already received training and Region 3 is expected to receive training in November.

New Business: Mr. Moberg mentioned that the Volpe Center in Massachusetts is developing a transit cooperative emergency agreement with New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RESF-1 will be October 15, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., place TBD. The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Following the meeting, James Bradford gave a very informative tour of the CT Transit maintenance facility. 237 buses and 316 operators and 150 mechanics operate out of the Hartford facility. There is dispatch coverage 24/7.