RESF-1 Transportation Minutes
January 21, 2009

In attendance: Karen Olson, Chair; Jim Strillacci, West Hartford PD; Tom Gavaghan, and Gordon Harris, DEMHS; Margus Laan, CCRPA; Carmine Centrella, CRCOG.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting were approved without changes, on a motion by Jim Strillacci, seconded by Gordon Harris.

Old Business: Ms. Olson reported that a training program for the Unified Response Manual was being developed by DEMHS. Tom Gavaghan reported that WebEOC training was moving along and that the target role out date is this March. Region 3 received training in December 2008. Carmine Centrella asked Mr. Gavaghan if the State’s commodity distribution plan had any local transportation issues. Mr. Gavaghan responded that transportation in this case is taken care of by the vehicles bringing in the commodities, so the local agencies do not have to address that issue.

New Business: Ms. Olson led a discussion of the four “tasks” charged to RESF-1. This was an introductory discussion, designed to begin sketching out a plan for more fully developing each task. The tasks are:
- RESF Emergency Response
- Transportation Infrastructure Security
- Emergency Management Planning
- Incident Management Planning

Regarding the first task, Emergency Response, it was suggested that Bruce Lockwood, chair of RESF-5 (Resource Support), be invited to a subsequent meeting to discuss the needs and expectations of the RESF-5 when asking for assistance from RESF-1.

It was determined that RESF1 had no real role in the second task. The security of the transportation infrastructure is the responsibility of the “owner entity” usually the State or the municipality. RESF1 can act as an information pass through, when requested.

Evacuation planning, medical transportation, increased awareness of existing traffic diversion plans, and the sharing of local traffic management plans were all identified as components of the emergency management planning task. It was suggested that a meeting be convened with representatives from DEMHS and DOT to get a better understanding of where we are with these issues and what more needs to be done.

A more thorough discussion of the incident management task will take place at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the RESF-1 is TBD. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Subsequent to the meeting, a next RESF-1 meeting was