

Capitol Region Council of Governments  
**REGION 3 – URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE MEETING**  
August 22, 2008 10:00 a.m.  
South Congregational Church, Hartford

***Call the meeting to order/Opening Comments***

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and introduced Barbara Buddington who has been working on the UASI process for CRCOG. He also introduced Dan Dube as the new East Hartford Emergency Management Director (Dan is representing ESF-16 today.)

***Review of UASI Grant Process to Date***

Dan Scace gave a complete overview of the process and history of the committee and grant submissions to date. The procedures currently do not indicate how regularly the UAWG meets and he suggested that this be quarterly. Keith Victor, seconded by Laurie Ann Scotti made a motion to add this language. All in favor, so voted.

***Lessons Learned – Investment Justification Feedback***

Dan Scace distributed the Effectiveness Summary for our grant application which was thoroughly reviewed by various peer evaluators from across the country. The lessons learned will be very valuable to us as we work to complete future applications. It was discussed that the results for each IJ should be taken into account when determining final priorities. Cheryl Assis described the process Bridgeport recently undertook as her and Barbara Buddington were invited to their UAWG meeting as observers.

***Review and Approval of Urban Area Security Strategy- Due 8/31***

Dan Scace reviewed the draft documents section by section. There was consensus to add a reference to the recently conducted SWOT analyses and to detail the history of CREPC. Dan went on to review each goal and objective. There were minor changes made and it was determined that Dan Scace would follow up with Katherine McCormack and John Shaw regarding two items in the goal to enhance medical and public health preparedness.

Lee Erdmann, seconded by Laurie Ann Scotti made a motion to adopt the revised strategy. All in favor, so voted.

***UASI funding Award – A Different Perspective***

Chief Austin stated that since the last prioritization session was based upon the likelihood of receiving six million dollars that the UAWG is really at a crossroads at this point. There is a need to make a critical decision today and he discussed five various options for group consideration.

- 1.The group do nothing and stick to the original prioritization list.
- 2.Reprioritize based upon the strategy which was just adopted.
- 3.Take the remaining four investment justifications after the law enforcement funds are distributed and fund them at 25% each.

4. Drop the lowest ranking IJ (enhance citizen Preparedness and Public Outreach) and then split the funding 25% each amongst the remaining four IJ's.
5. Ask group members for any alternate suggestions or ideas as to the best option.

***Establish the UAWG Policy Decision***

After some discussion, Bruce Lockwood, seconded by Dr. Goldman made a motion to accept Option #2. All in favor, so voted.

***Unfinished Business***

There was no unfinished business

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting date will be determined shortly and sent to the committee.