

Capitol Region Council of Governments
REGION 3 – URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE MEETING
September 24, 2008 10:00 a.m.
South Congregational Church, Hartford

Call the meeting to order / Minutes of August 22, 2008, meeting

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked for action on the minutes of the August 22, 2008, meeting. Lee Erdman, seconded by John Shaw, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, so voted.

Region 3 Exercise Proposal

Dan Scace provided and reviewed the one-page summary of a proposal for the development of a regional training and exercise program that had been emailed to UAWG members prior to the meeting. During the discussion, it was clarified that the proposed Regional Training and Exercise Planning Workgroup would replace the RESF 5 training/exercise committee, as it would be broader in scope and more formal in structure. Lee Erdman, seconded by Ed Lescoe, moved that the group, acting as the REPT Steering Committee, *establish a Regional Training and Exercise Planning Workgroup. Membership includes representatives from RESFs: 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, the CRCOG Training Coordinator, and representatives from CT DEMHS and DPH. The Workgroup is tasked to provide oversight of regional training and exercises supporting achieving regional strategies in the development of \needed regional capabilities.* All in favor, so voted.

Review of Grant Spending

Barbara Buddington reviewed the summary of prior years' spending prepared by staff. Projects funded in 2004-2007 were identified and each was listed under the most closely associated UASI Strategic Plan goal. She noted that it is a work in progress, and the numbers may change as more information becomes available. At the present time, it includes only funds which have passed through CRCOG. Other sources of funding available to these projects will be added in the future. (Buffer zone grants were cited as one example of other funds - \$50,000 each to Manchester and Farmington.) The immediate purpose of preparing the table was to assist the group in developing the spending plan for the current UASI grant. As a long-term project, it will be valuable in the future to track efforts to implement the UASI Strategic Plan, along with overall Public Safety initiatives in the region.

Allocating FY 08 UASI Funds

Dan Scace reviewed the responses to the prioritization survey distributed after the August meeting. He noted that while we need to think strategically and long-term, we need to be aware that the UASI funding may not be renewed in future years, and we need to be aware of the ongoing maintenance costs of projects that we begin. In a lengthy discussion, the following suggestions were made: (1) Try to identify one or two things that we could do with these funds that would benefit all ESFs and would allow us to work together more efficiently - Inventory

management and developing a "common picture" platform for information sharing were two examples. (2) Invest in the planning process that will allow us to develop better-defined projects. (3) Prioritize the focus of planning efforts based on the goal priorities that were developed from the survey. (4) If there are some things that the state should be doing, but is not, get the private sector involved (to get the state to act).

Katherine McCormick, seconded by Chris Marvin, made a motion that the UAWG ask staff to develop a couple of spending plans for consideration. This is to be done in consultation with the CREPC Chair and Co-chairs, and should take into consideration the results of the input from the recent survey along with any other suggestions that the staff receives within the next few weeks. All in favor, so voted.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. The next meeting to will be held on Friday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. to noon.