



**Naugatuck Emergency Management Advisory Council
N.E.M.A.C.**

Minutes of the 9/26/11 meeting

Attendance:

Members:

Chief Ken Hanks NFD, Chairman
Sheila Baummer, NPW
Fran Dambowsky, EMD
John Deer, SC of CT, LLC
Jay Pugliese, NPD
Karen Spargo, NVHD
Terry Stieber, NVNA
Al Raymond, Secretary

Attendees:

Marilyn Dempsey, Tech Air
Deputy Chief Ellen Murray, NFD

The meeting started at 7:00 with the Chairman leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Fran Dambowsky, EMD made a motion to accept the previous meeting's minutes. Terry Steiber, NVNA seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fran Dambowsky, EMD made his report to the Council. He gave a detailed report on the issues surrounding the establishment of new CERT certification classes and reiterated the need for new CERT members. The EMD made reference to today's agenda item no. 6, Irene response. Fran Dambowsky, EMD reminded the Council that their oaths will have to be retaken at the next meeting of the Council.

Chairman Ken Hanks talked about the upcoming Regional Functional Exercise. He briefly reviewed the reasons that we do such exercises and the recent history of Naugatuck's participation in such exercises. Due to the towns efforts during and experience gained during the summer and tropical storm Irene, FEMA has given us credit for doing such an exercise. Due to this the October 6, 2011 tabletop exercise been canceled. Chairman Ken Hanks and Fran Dambowsky, EMD then provided the Council with details as to the borough's experience with the State's commodity distribution regime during tropical storm Irene. Chairman Ken Hanks talked about the after action report that will be generated for the tropical storm Irene event and recapped for the Council a summary of events and responses that resulted from tropical storm Irene. Fran Dambowsky, EMD and Chairman Ken Hanks reviewed some insights as to what was learned from the tropical storm Irene incident and how that might be applied in future situations. A general discussion of the event then ensued.

Chairman Ken Hanks introduced the Code Red agenda item. He recapped our current contract and how tropical storm Irene impacted our pool of calling minutes. He then reviewed the high effectiveness of the Code Red system during the tropical storm Irene incident and related subsequent events. He then detailed the financial issues surrounding adding more minutes to our Code Red account and outlined the alternatives offered by Code Red for recharging our system. A general discussion ensued that clarified aspects the the alternatives for various Council members.

Jay Pugliese, NPD made a motion that the Council request that the Borough Board appropriate additional funds for the purchase of the Unlimited Plus Code Red Plan. Fran Dambowsky, EMD seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ken Hanks then talked about the plan for the renovation of the High School and how that could include provisions for emergency power and make spaces usable for emergency sheltering. A broad discussion of sheltering issues ensued. Marilyn Dempsey, Tech Air thanked the Borough for it's response to their tropical storm Irene issue. Karen Spargo, NVHD talked about incident related food safety issues and the Health Departments efforts along these lines.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert E. Raymond,
Secretary