



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

Minutes of the 6/8/09 meeting

Attendance:

Members:

Deputy Chief Ken Hanks NFD, Chairman
Sheila Baummer
Anne Butler
Fran Dambowsky, EMD
John Deer
Jay Pugliese, NPD
Karen Spargo
Richard Stubbs
Al Raymond, Secretary

At 7:04 PM Chairman Ken Hanks called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Committee took a few moments to review the draft minutes from the last meeting. Anne Butler found a typographic error. Jay Pugliese made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted correction made which was seconded by Fran Dambowsky. The motion passed unanimously.

Fran Dambowsky, EMD made his report to the committee and reported that the CERT Team participated in the Memorial Day events, the Duck Race, and the Road Race on Cross street. In his report he mentioned that last week he and Chairman Ken Hanks attended the Emergency Management Directors meeting on hurricane preparedness. He also thanked John Deer for his email concerning pandemic issues. This elicited some discussion on current issues concerning H1N1 flu. The EMD then discussed the Fire Police, Safety Patrol and discussion between Chairman Ken Hanks, the Fire Commission and himself. Fran Dambowsky, EMD and John Deer then reviewed the latter's varied and appropriate experience that would be invaluable in a leadership role in a possible future amalgamation of the Fire Police, Safety Patrol, and CERT.

John Deer then reviewed the history of the Fire Police and the problems of volunteer availability. Fran Dambowsky, EMD further discussed the possible future unified CERT / Safety Patrol / Fire Police organization and requested that John take a leadership role in a possible unified organization. Fran Dambowsky, EMD then concluded his report with information that the CERT team has acquired funding for recruitment of new members. He reported that recent demographic changes have made this an important issue.

John Deer then recounted the recent experience of several committee members and Naugatuck officials at the recent exercise in Middlebury. Fran Dambowsky, EMD reported that the following individuals attended the 4/17/09 meeting:

Sheila Baummer
Mayor Mike Bronko
Fran Dambowsky, EMD
John Deer
Chief Chris Edson, NPD
Deputy Chief Ken Hanks, NFD
Al Raymond
Asst Chief Paul Russell, NFD
Richard Stubbs

Fran Dambowsky, EMD then recounted some of the lessons learned in the exercise.

Richard Stubbs then discussed the recent COG appropriation for a regional traffic diversion plan. This led to further discussion of the implications of the recent exercise, traffic disruption, and existing diversion plans. Fran Dambowsky, EMD pointed out the long term implications of major damage to the highway system, that arose from the recent exercise. This led to a general discussion of post disaster waste disposal issues.

Karen Spargo then discussed the First Med program and Naugatuck's need for planning in the area of staff protection in a pandemic. A wide ranging discussion of identification of personnel and their dependents. Also discussed were collection, distribution and dispensing of medicine. A wide ranging discussion of the mechanics of this program followed.

Jay Pugliese, NPD asked if each town department needed their own plan. Karen Spargo indicated that the town, through this committee needed to create a plan. Chairman Ken Hanks mentioned previous work done on smallpox clinics. A discussion of the mechanics of such plans followed..

Al Raymond, Secretary gave Jay Pugliese, NPD the forms and data from the original Health Department exercise. A meeting with relevant town officials was discussed. Jay Pugliese, NPD offered to write a borough wide policy based on previous work done for the committee. Karen Spargo offered to send examples of such documents from other jurisdictions. The committee encouraged Jay Pugliese, NPD to generate the policy. John Deer requested that Jay Pugliese, NPD email his draft policy to the committee membership a week before we next meet. Chairman Ken Hanks and Jay Pugliese, NPD agreed to facilitate the emailing.

Chairman Ken Hanks discussed the Senior Officials Workshop that will occur 6/30/09 at the Police Department. It will run 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Jay Pugliese, NPD talked to the committee about his recent class in the Police Department's new video enhancement system. Anne Butler mentioned the July 19th Rotary Club Bike Race and asked Fran Dambowsky, EMD for CERT support. Fran Dambowsky, EMD said he would look into it for her.

John Deer asked about N-95 masks. Karen Spargo and Chairman Ken Hanks discussed use and distribution policies for such masks.

Richard Stubbs mentioned to the committee that Red Cross Shelters will be opened with Public Health consultation. He also mentioned that current events have driven certain changes in Red Cross shelter management procedures.

Karen Spargo informed the committee on the current status of H1N1 vaccine development and distribution.

Anne Butler made a motion to adjourn. Fran Dambowsky, EMD seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Albert E. Raymond
Secretary