



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

MINUTES OF THE 1/26/09 MEETING

Attendance:

Members :

Deputy Chief Ken Hanks, NFD, Chairman
Fran Dambowsky, EFD
Sheila Baummer
Anne Butler
John Deer
Chief Christopher Edson, NPD
Jay Pugliese, NPD
Karen Spargo
Al Raymond, Secretary

At 7:08 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. Jay Pugliese, NPD made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by John Deer. The motion passed unanimously.

Fran Dambowsky, EMD made his report to the committee and reported that he had planned for sheltering if needed during the recent cold snap. Fran also reported that sheltering is something in need of more work and described current temporary sheltering arrangements. Discussion of local resources for sheltering, support services, and interface requirements for other services were discussed. Fran Dambowsky, EMD reported that all MOU's are done that were needed for grant eligibility. This provoked a group discussion about the EOC grant.

Chairman Ken Hanks then took up the sheltering issue and redistributed the previously discussed shelter plan. Chairman Ken Hanks then introduced some issues concerning the town's ability to provide emergency shelter under a variety of circumstances including a power failure.. The committee then reviewed the sheltering plan in detail. During this review affinities with Red Cross protocols were discussed. As the review progressed the group discussed emergency notification issues and various sheltering issues brought up by the plan's provisions.

Chief Christopher Edson asked for clarification of the plan's chain of command for sheltering decisions. Group discussion ensued which led to clarification of procedures, materials, and responsibilities in the sheltering plan and the actual sheltering process. Jay Pugliese, NPD told the committee that the Army Corp of Engineers has flood maps of the town and has supplied a copy of their plan and maps.

Chairman Ken Hanks then asked the committee to provide suggestions in the near future to improve the town's sheltering plan.

Chairman Ken Hanks then brought up the next topic which was quarantine. Jay Pugliese, NPD discussed sheltering issues with quarantine. Karen Spargo provided public health context to the quarantine discussion. Chief Christopher Edson informed the committee of the Probate court oversight of the quarantine issue. Committee discussion ensued.

Karen Spargo mentioned a tabletop drill that would involve community mitigation and could be based in Naugatuck.

Chairman Ken Hanks announced that a firm date of 4/17/09 has been set for the regional functional exercise.

Jay Pugliese, NPD made a motion to adjourn. Chief Christopher Edson, NPD seconded it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert E. Raymond, Secretary