

**Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)**  
**ESF-4**  
**March 20, 2008 Minutes**

**Meeting location:** South Windsor Fire Department

**Convene:** Called to order at 7:05pm by President William Austin

**Public Comment-** no public comment

**Attendance:** William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), Frank Papa (NFD), Tom Gill (NFD), Tom Lapierre (NFD), William Perez (EHFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Gary Ruggero (WLFD), Gordi Harris (WFD), Bob Walsh (HTFD FD), Paul Littico (MFD), Bill Parker (MFD), Don Zessin (EGFD), Nick Wallick (Hebron FD), William Perkins (UCONN FD), Bill Riley (BFD).

**Minutes of previous meeting:** February 21, 2008, motion to pass minutes (Harris/Lapierre). Approved

**Treasurers Report:** Checking account: \$4,332.23 Savings account \$6,360.45, Motion to accept report (Ruggero/Harris). Approved.

**Old Business:**

DEMHS coordinating council- minutes presented to attendees

Project P/Salamander Any department wishing to complete their salamander tags can contact Doug Whalen at [douglaswhalen@att.net](mailto:douglaswhalen@att.net). The region has distributed approx 1400 tags at this point to 8-10 departments.

CAPTAIN MDT system- Chief Perez had nothing to report. The pilots Towns are still in the hardware installation stage.

Incident Management Team project- The DEMHS IMT sub-committee that is designing the IMT system for the State of CT has put together a draft program and will be presenting it to the coordinating council for their approval. Once this program is approved, training programs will begin in the State. This does not stop regions from starting the prerequisite training programs or setting up IMT training that is in line with the NIMS IMT

program. More information will be provided at the April meeting related to the region's June 2008(6-day) IMT class.

HAZMAT Training for Officers- the 8 hour hazmat IQ classes being offered 3/21 & 3/22 at East Hartford FD are full.

ESF-4 SWOT analysis- Last month we conducted the ESF-4, 10 & 9 SWOT analysis at Avon FD. There was a review of the final draft provided by Carmine Centrella, regional planner. This SWOT analysis falls in line with the eight priorities of the National standards system. It also will come into play when the region meets for UASI grant monies. The UASI grant dollars cover a 3-year period and would be a one time grant in 2008.

### **New Business:**

UASI grant for capitol region- The capitol region has been named as one of the two areas in the State of Connecticut that is eligible for UASI grants. There needs to be a special meeting for ESF-4 to meet regarding the UASI projects related to ESF-4. There was a consensus vote to have a "Special Meeting" scheduled for next Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at South Windsor FD to discuss UASI grant money.

Enfield Fire Service meeting- The CREPC staff had a meeting with Enfield management and fire service to discuss a Command vehicle, search & rescue equipment along with hazardous material equipment for the area north of Hartford. Enfield wants to be a key player in the northern part of the region and there was some discussion as to available equipment in Enfield and the region.

Hazmat incident at the Capitol- there was a small incident at the capitol where the regional hazmat team and some of the regional hazmat decon trailers were deployed.

CAD CERT team- the region is working on forming a CAD CERT teams to provide identification and accountability at regional events. The West Hartford team and 1 Team in Torrington will be trained in the salamander system and the RAPID tag system so they CERT team can deploy at a large regional incident.

STOC's Boxes- the State is starting to deploy STOCs boxes throughout the state with 4 going to DEP, 1 to each regional HAZMAT team. Other boxes will be deployed strategically, trying to have at least one box no more than

two towns away. These boxes will be signed off by the CEO of the Town or City. The STOC box training program and inspection program is being designed by DEMHS. For the next 50 boxes to be issued a form will have to be filled out and distribution will be a performance base review by DEMHS.

DECON Trailers The DECON trailers in the State are being worked on by DEMHS in conjunction with Nichols fire apparatus. This service & review of the trailers will bring all 34 trailers into operational level with a one time maintenance program being completed. A training program is being developed by DEMHS for trailer use and should be available in the near future.

SMART TAG- there will be a train the trainer class on the SMART tags on March 25<sup>th</sup> location TBA.

DEMHS website- the DEMHS website has training programs including drills, Texas A&M classes and other training classes for first responders.

There was some discussion regarding the June annual meeting, a sit down dinner is being planned for members. More information will be available at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be hosted by **Newington Fire Department located at 1485 Main Street, Newington**. Meeting time is 7:00pm on April 17, 2008.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen  
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer