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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMAC)

November 5, 2018 2:00 PM Town Hall Meeting Hall

MINUTES

Councilors Present: Patrick Getler – North Central District Health Department (NCDHD); Brian Santa – Sergeant, Resident State Troopers' Office; Joseph Palombizio – Director, Emergency Management; Peter Hany – President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Timothy Webb – Director, Department of Public Works; Patrick Kenton – The Computer Company; Erin Graziani – Director, Ellington Senior Center; Julia Connor – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:03 PM
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting of September 10, 2018

MOVED (WEBB), SECONDED (HANY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 EMAC MINUTES.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update – Baseline for Ellington Computer users established by KNOWB4 testing – Patrick Kenton, The Computer Company

The baseline phishing test was sent out; Town approval is still needed before running the full KNOWB4 program. Once this occurs, all Town employees will be enrolled and reports will be run on online browsing habits and Web behavior. Joseph Palombizio thinks that it will be a good program to raise awareness for employees to know what to look out for in terms of common phishing behavior and scams. Sgt. Santa reported that hackers and phishers are now utilizing cell phone scams, as more people are aware to look out for email hacks that allow improper remote access to servers.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report – Mass Casualty Exercise conducted on 10/14/2018

There were 18-20 “victims” in the simulated building collapse that Emergency Services were called upon to rescue and work with; CERT members were on site to assist with traffic control. Mr. Palombizio reported that the exercise went well.

B. School Security/Safety – Brian Greenleaf / Sgt. Brian Santa

Sgt. Santa reported that they are in the final phase of establishing an active shooter philosophy and training program for Ellington Public Schools; it will be presented to the Board of Education, where they will be able to vote on the widespread adoption of this philosophy. All of the schools had the opportunity to state their concerns and areas of focus that they would like to see incorporated into this. The goal is to see staff trained over the winter, and to have everything in place by spring 2019. He stated that this won't change how the regular lockdown drills are conducted at this time. Currently, the State Police haven't adopted protocol to integrate EMS personnel into a “warm zone.”

C. “Stop the Bleed” Training to school faculty + staff – Peter Hany, Sr.

Two mannequins were ordered that have various wounds marked on them. They also are purchasing different types of bandages to train on. Many EVAC members are being trained as Trainers/Instructors and they would like to get into the schools to teach certain staff members, such as the school nurses, about how to pack wounds and stop uncontrolled bleeding in the event of such an incident. They would also like to see supplies, such as tourniquets, available in locations where AEDs are in place. Mr. Hany also reported that EMS members participate in TECC (Tactical Emergency Casualty Care) training, and one of the Emergency Services Departments will look into hosting these types of classes. He also mentioned the ASHER (Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response) Program.

D. North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) Updates – Pat Getler

The NCDHD just provided a You Are the Help Until Help Arrives training session in Windham, covering the basics of what to do until professional medical help is able to reach the scene; between 25-40 individuals attended from throughout the community.

E. Emergency Management / CERT Updates – John Streiber

i. CERT Awareness Day – Region #3

On October 20, there was a CERT Awareness Day, the first event of this type in the state. CERT members from all over Connecticut attended and showcased various demonstrations, tips and programs. The Ellington CERT members are planning to participate in Human Services' holiday “Adopt-a-Family” programs.

5. ROUNDTABLE – INPUT FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

There are a few shortcomings with the Crystal Lake generator in the event that the shelter needs to be utilized. Some of the outlets aren't functional, and there are specific parameters that food preparation and warming areas need to comply with.

November 1st was the annual snow training day for the Department of Public Works. Equipment was checked over, and plow routes were reviewed. Mr. Webb stated that he had attended a session at the APWA (American Public Works Association) fall conference where a nutritionist did a brief presentation on proper eating habits to maintain a good baseline energy level during long winter storm events. A representative from Big Y will be doing a presentation for Town Public Works employees on December 18.

The State Troopers Office is reviewing their winter procedures as well, and has been dealing with some parking issues at some of the schools.

Mr. Palombizio shared that Ellington High School is hosting the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Monday, November 12, with breakfast beginning at 7:30 am.

Mr. Getler stated that they are transitioning from their anthrax planning scenario to pandemic flu protocols; there are different tiers, starting at EMS/Healthcare professionals and trickling down. They have a syndromic surveillance system where they can track where flu patients are going for treatment within the district and how many are seeking treatment for influenza-related illnesses.

Erin Graziani shared that she spoke with Karl Neubecker of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, and some of the Senior Center patrons will be assisting with a drill at Station 243 on December 6 to help the members hone their skills.

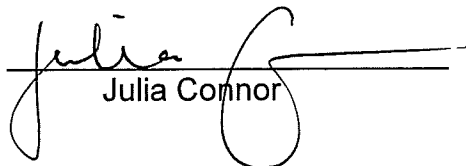
Mr. Hany shared that the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) gave them a list of suggestions for their building, given their proximity to EHS. They will be seeing upgrades with some of their outdated AV and camera equipment that will tie into the Emergency Operations Center.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (WEBB), SECONDED (HANY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:45 PM.

The next EMAC meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Submitted by:


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