

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ALL HAZARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 21, 2012

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Linda Barlow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Amanda Fauser, Sikorsky Aircraft; Nick Gentile, Sikorsky Fire Dept.; Beverly Pierson, Service Master; Robert Fox, Service Master; Michael Abramowitz, ARES; John Turbeville, Ashcroft, Inc.; Aimee Apetow, Ashcroft, Inc.; Mark Renna, Cray Valley USA LLC; Greta Roberts, Stratford Health Dept.; Maureen Whelan, Stratford Health Dept.; Andrew Anderson, Stratford Health Dept.; Dawn Severine, Stratford Health Dept.; Justin Rompre, Stratford Health Dept.; Chief Robert J. McGrath, Stratford Fire Dept.; Asst. Chief Douglas Reitmeyer, Stratford Fire Dept.; Brian Lampart, Stratford Fire Marshal; Lt. Kevin Lantowsky, Stratford Fire Dept.; Lt. Robert Sampson, Stratford Police Dept.; Omar Jimenez, Stratford Police Dept.; Donna Best, Stratford EMS

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted March 15, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Director Schirillo reported that eight people have been certified as the first Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). The volunteers have completed a basic twenty-hour training program. They learn the basic terminology and an understanding of the chain of command.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Stratford's CERT team will be trained in specific tasks when needed. They will be available to help other towns

A statewide exercise is scheduled for July 28 through July 31. The Town of Stratford will participate on Monday July 30 and Tuesday July 31. This will save money in the budget because the town employees will not be attending on the weekend. Governor Malloy wants the entire state to be prepared for the upcoming hurricane season. The Governor wants all the EOCs to be operational. During tropical storm Irene there were towns in Connecticut that did not have an EOC open. There was confusion communicating what was needed in those communities. We need to prepare for possible serious storms. EOCs are needed in all communities. Director Schirillo said the effort we are going through in July will be well worth it. The Town of Stratford is running an EOC exercise tomorrow June 22. There are new procedures for the ham operators.

The meeting continued in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee and adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary