

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ALL HAZARDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 21, 2013

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Michael Abramowitz, ARES; Mark Renna, Cray Valley USA LLC; Lynn D'Aurio, Straton Industries; Linda Bartow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Anthony Dynderski, Sikorsky Fire Dept.; Justin Rompre, Stratford Health Dept.; Maureen Whelan, Stratford Health Dept.; Yvonne Douglas, Stratford Health Dept.; Greta Broneill, Stratford Health Dept.; Chief Robert McGrath, Stratford Fire Dept.; Deputy Chief Jon Gottfried, Stratford Fire Dept.;

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted December 20, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Director Schirillo reported that the second class for the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training has recently been completed. There are now an additional fifteen members which brings the total to twenty-three. Director Schirillo is pleased with this number. Many of the new members are from the local ham operators and are now official members of the CERT team. The CERT team will have an increased involvement in the region and with the statewide exercises both as participants and as actors.

Regarding Storm Nemo/Charlotte, Stratford did not sustain major power outages but we did have 32 inches of snow with 5 to 6 foot drifts. The depth of the snow was too great for the snow plows so thirty five contractor front-end loaders were brought in to help clear the snow. It took almost five days to clear the streets. It was a monumental task with town workers putting in 16-hour days. Some fire, EMS and public works employees were on duty almost the entire time. An after action has been held and areas where we can be better next time have been identified. Businesses were to stockpile the removed snow wherever they could on their own property and when that space was exhausted to contact the state DOT as to where to put it. The Stratford Fire Dept. went above and beyond to help citizens with medical needs during the aftermath of the storm. Chief McGrath reported that his department discovered homes with side venting heating units that had become blocked with the snow. Carbon monoxide had backed up into the homes. A call went out through the emergency notification system to warn people to check their heating units. Several people found snow covering their heating units after the call.

The EOC upgrade has not been completed. When it is ready we will be able to tie into other EOC's in the area.

Another statewide exercise will be held at the end of June. There will be a functional exercise in only one region. The other four regions will work to support the functional exercise. They will participate in the equivalent of a tabletop exercise from each of the town's EOC.

The meeting went into recess at 9:15 am

The meeting came out of recess and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary