

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 20, 2012

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Linda Barlow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Anthony Dynderski, Sikorsky Fire Dept.; Steven Woods, American Red Cross; Paul Plouffe, Service Master; Michael Abramowitz, ARES; Mark Renna, Cray Valley USA LLC; Andrea Boisservain, Stratford Health Dept.; Maureen Whelan, Stratford Health Dept.; Dawn Severine, Stratford Health Dept.; Brian Lampart, Stratford Fire Marshal; David Wright, Town of Stratford

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted June 21, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Director Schirillo reported he is running a NIMS class ICS 400 on Sept 25th and 26th. There are still a few seats available. Anyone attending has the prerequisites of 100, 200, 700, 800 and 300. The first four are on-line. 300 is a three-day class. The 300 and 400 classes are required ICS training for managers.

Director Schirillo said that Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) and Suspicious Activity Reporting Training are available on-line.

Online Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Training is available for Law Enforcement and Hometown Security Partners. The Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative (NSI) training strategy is a multifaceted approach designed to increase the effectiveness of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and public safety professionals and other frontline partners in identifying, reporting, evaluating, and sharing pre-incident terrorism indicators to prevent acts of terrorism.

To increase the effectiveness of this multifaceted approach, the NSI has developed on-line training programs (available at: http://nsi.ncirc.gov/training_online.aspx) specific to private sector security personnel, frontline LE officers, fire and EMS personnel, emergency management personnel, probation/parole/corrections personnel, and public safety telecommunications regarding documented and verified behaviors and indicators that, when viewed in the totality of circumstances, may indicate terrorism-related criminal activity. Both the SAR Line Officer Training and each sector-specific SAR Hometown Security Partners Training discuss how to report identified suspicious activity to the proper authorities while maintaining the protection of citizens' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. There is a wealth of resources available to support private, local, state, tribal, and partner homeland security NSI SAR efforts available at: <http://nsi.ncirc.gov/resources.aspx>.

A symposium is planned to reach out and include businesses that are not currently part of the LEPC. All local companies need to reach out and network with other local companies and resources that will be able to help you get up and running after a disaster.

Paul Plouffe spoke to the group about businesses preplanning for disasters. The symposium will offer training and value to people in the organizations of hospitals, universities, municipalities, large corporations and utility companies. Preparedness is part of our daily life. Being prepared for disasters aides in recovery from them. 30% to 60% of small businesses do not have the resources or time to focus on survival. The people coming to the symposium have already started to set up systems to prepare for disasters. The networking is being viewed as a

public/private collaboration where the resources of the municipalities, the non-profits, the Red Cross, fire and police are focused on joint preparedness. The symposium will include emergency kits, various speakers, a large loss adjustment provider will be in attendance, FEMA, insurance companies, etc.

The event will be held at the Mill River Country Club on October 30, 2012. One hundred seats are available. Invitations will be sent. The event is still being planned.

Director Schirillo asked the LEPC members to review the DEMHS document called "State of Connecticut Consequence Management Plan for Deliberately Caused Incidents Involving Chemical Agents" The document can be found on their website. The document is in draft form and Mr. Schirillo would like LEPC members to review it and give their suggestions. The LEPC will be reviewing and discussing the document in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary