

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 17, 2011

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Mike Abramowitz, Amateur Radio Emergency Service; Eric Bernard, Aquarion Water Co.; Nick Gentile, Sikorsky Fire Dept., Jude Ade, Sikorsky Aircraft; Linda Barlow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Christina Tolides, Sikorsky Aircraft; Alice B. Zosa, Hampford Research; Steve Woods, American Red Cross; Lynn D'Aurio, Straton Industries; Ed Ogle, Cray Valley USA, LLC; John Turbeville, Ashcroft, Inc.; Paul Plouffe, Service Master; Andrea Boissevain, Stratford Health Dept.; Andrew Anderson, Stratford Health Dept.; Dawn Severine, Stratford Health Dept.; Greta Roberts, Stratford Health Dept.; Lt. Paul DosSantos, Stratford Police Dept.; Donna Best, Stratford EMS; Brian Lampart, Stratford Fire Marshal; Brian Carey, Stratford Conservation Director; Ed Zygmant, Westport Fire Dept./ Fairfield County Hazmat

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted December 16, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Chairman Schirillo announced that he is instituting a new program with Stratford companies. He and Tom Moore will be working individually with businesses, reviewing with safety officers and executives, each company's emergency operations plan. A small "Tabletop" exercise would be planned. Mr. Schirillo suggested that this exercise could be held in conjunction with the required yearly fire drill. This would give employees a chance to practice what they would do in an emergency.

Mr. Schirillo asked for people to call him and set up a time to have these exercises at their companies. He felt that by doing the exercises in conjunction with the fire drills would not cause extra disruptions to the businesses. If a larger drill is desired, that can be arranged also. Health Director Andrea Boissevain reported that regionally health departments are doing similar drills. A regional drill focusing on anthrax is currently being planned. They will be looking at Points of Dispensing (PODs). The local health departments will be piggy backing their own drills on top of the regional drill on the same day. Linda Barlow reported that Sikorsky holds drills and invited Mr. Schirillo to attend. The Department of Health has been added to the list of first responders along with Police, Fire and EMS. Paul Plouffe of Service Master volunteered to be the first company to have the exercise. Mr. Schirillo will meet with the safety officers before the event.

Andrea Boissevain reported that Greta Robert of the Stratford Health Department will be the HD's new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Also the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) and the Health Dept. will have tables at the Main Street Festival promoting, among other things, personal preparedness. The MRCs are able to give presentations to community groups regarding personal preparedness. Director Boissevain also reported a low turnout at the flu clinics this year.

The Red Cross is active in the planning of our sheltering plans. The Region One headquarters is located in Bridgeport. There is a strong volunteer corps. They have chartered the Community Readiness Project, working with the communities in checking what is needed in the shelters. This helps the communities tailor their shelters to their particular needs. This planning includes regional backup plans for sheltering needs. There are new laws that have come into effect in the

last few years. One is the pet sheltering law. Another law is the functional needs support law which says that any shelter should be able to take care of any resident in the community if they are not in some type of acute medical care.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary