

# LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

### Sept. 15, 2011

PRESENT: Anthony Schirillo, Chairman; Linda Barlow, Sikorsky Aircraft; Jude Ade, Sikorsky Aircraft; Anthony Dynderski, Sikorsky Fire Dept.; Alice Zosa, Hampford Research; Lynn D'Aurio, Straton Industries; Steve Woods, American Red Cross; Ed Ogle, Cray Valley USA, LLC; Paul Plouffe, Service Master; Andrea Boissevain, Stratford Health Dept.; Maureen Whelan, Stratford Health Dept.; Andrew Anderson, Stratford Health Dept.; Bernice Bova, Stratford Health Dept.; Greta Roberts, Stratford Health Dept.; Paul DosSantos, Stratford Police Dept.; Douglas Reitmeyer, Stratford Fire Dept.; Ed Zygmant, Westport Fire Dept./ Fairfield County Hazmat; Robert Kenny, InfraGard

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Schirillo called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted June 16, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Chairman Schirillo introduced Robert Kenny of InfraGard. Mr. Kenny explained that InfraGard is an organization started in 1996 initially as a partnership between the Cleveland FBI office and private sector representation from all different types of critical infrastructures – chemical, energy, cyber, etc. It was the FBI investigation of computer crimes that started the idea of InfraGard. Opening the lines of communication helped the FBI more quickly respond to the computer crimes. After the 911 attacks it took on an all hazards approach.

Connecticut has one of the most robust chapters of the eighty chapters that now exist in the country. All chapters are affiliated with an FBI office and all have an FBI coordinator. Connecticut has a very active FBI office that supports the chapter. People who apply to be members of InfraGard undergo an FBI background check. Members receive information regarding terrorism, cargo theft, and law enforcement related specifics. Members share information with the FBI. The Connecticut chapter holds quarterly meetings discussing specific subject matters. Members are encouraged to suggest subjects for discussion. Meetings are held in various locations around the state. There is no cost for membership. Applications are online.

Chairman Schirillo then introduced Asst. Fire Chief Douglas Reitmeyer who is Director of Stratford's HazMat Team. Mr. Reitmeyer played a video clip from the Fairfield Fire Dept. which showed what fire fighters encounter when they approach a HazMat incident. Fire fighters may think they are entering a fire when instead chemicals are involved.

Companies can do things to let responders know what is located on the premises. Responders should know where the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) book is stored as well as a plot plan as to where things are stored.

There are several steps in managing a HazMat sight:

- Sight management
- Identify the problem
- Hazardous risk identification
- Assess tactical options & resources
- Information management & resource coordination

Implement response objectives  
Decontamination  
Terminate the incident

Occupancy information is important for responders.

Fire fighters walking through structures to become familiar with them before an incident is also important.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary