

# **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING 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 9:15 am. The minutes of the meeting conducted December 20, 2012 were approved unanimously.

Director Schirillo reported that most of the Tier Two reports have been submitted. All reports are due this month.

Last year exercises were held once a quarter with businesses that had volunteered to do so. This year the plan is to hold meetings, which will be conducted like a tabletop, with key company personnel.

Director Schirillo mentioned that FEMA has an Active Shooter quick training program for employees. Being prepared is not just for schools but also for businesses. A 15-minute video and printed information are available that discuss not only how to hide and take action but also effective ways to stop something from happening. If anyone is interested in this type of program please contact Director Schirillo.

Robert Kenny, Region One Coordinator of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, reported on the President's Executive Order – Establishing the White House Homeland Security Partnership Council. The purpose of the order is to maximize the federal government's ability to develop local partnerships in the United States to support homeland security priorities. The partnerships will be between the federal government and the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, foundations, state, local, tribal and territorial government and law enforcement – to address homeland security challenges.

Mr. Kenny mentioned that a group such as Infoguard, which is a government/private sector organization that deals with cyber security, would be ideal for this project. Connecticut has one of the largest Infoguard chapters in the country. The FBI vets all members of Infoguard. A company may not know for months that it is under a cyber attack. The directive wants companies to build relationships now and work together to defend against cyber attacks. The hope is to identify vulnerabilities and get out in front of the problem by sharing information.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.

Laurie Goodsell, secretary