



## ***Town of Mansfield Emergency Management Advisory Committee***

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### **Minutes of Special Meeting**

April 14, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL -- Chairman Elizabeth Paterson called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm in Conference Room at the Mansfield Community Center. *Members present:* Elizabeth Paterson, Matthew Hart, Michael Kurland, Robert Miller, David Dagon, Fred Baruzzi (2:21 pm), and James Kodzis (2:14 pm to 2:50 pm). *Member(s) absent:* Will Bigl and Lon Hultgren. *Staff present:* John Jackman and Fran Raiola. Jennifer Thompson is attending to serve as secretary at this meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Tabled. This item shall carry to next meeting agenda for attention.

3. NEW BUSINESS --

- 2011 Spring Weekend Planning

There is the possibility of two weekends for activity this year. Next weekend would be the traditional timeframe for Spring Weekend but it is also the Easter holiday. There will be resources made available this weekend, plan is to deploy a small command using the suburban of Deputy Chief Jordan at Carriage House and a few ambulances staged at Holinko Estates. There will be no triage on site. Next weekend there will be more of the usual trailer command center and triage set up, closer to treeline on site. An estimated dozen ambulances will be utilized.

UConn will have staff on both weekends deployed around campus although not at X-lot as in past years for fire services. Student health services are available continuously. UConn is not a definite care facility but working on alternate option for students instance DPH regulates regarding transport. If can determine another possibility to provide care then could reduce the number of patients requiring transport.

Police will have three traffic stops in various areas of town, a presence at Carriage House and roving patrols (trial NCAA weekend indicate successful). Thirty officers will be on duty this weekend and approximately 50 personnel next. They will try to limit parking and enforce road closures next weekend and prohibit guests next weekend. State troopers will close roads to vehicular traffic as becomes necessary. CSP does not intend to use “no trespass” enforcement during Spring Weekend due to concern of uprising. No spot checks are anticipated next weekend but it is possible that one becomes available for one night. There is possible use of “no trespass” this weekend for Farmer Brown lot as vehicles will not be cleared from lot as will do next weekend. Celeron is registering guests in attempt to limit crowd. Unified command will be established at UConn PD next weekend. Food vendors will be given delivery access through the campus area. Those with University id or an id evidence of residence will also be allowed access. The state trailer is currently located outside the town hall with access to electricity through Conference Room C. Trucks will be moved to the tennis court side of lot. Next weekend police command to be stationed at Goodwin School.

Fires are a problem this year. Additional garbage pickup at complexes is to be worked out and discuss another location of dumpsters at Carriage House. There are no dumpsters at X-Lot and 17 King Hill Road is being monitored.

Carriage House and Willington have hired extra security. Mr. Brown has expressed that he may do so as well. The closure of the Celeron trail may lend to additional pedestrian traffic on Hunting Lodge Road. Worcester Street Pizza will be open until 4:00 am during Spring Weekend. 0-tolerance on town ordinances will be enforced at house parties. This weekend may send a message for next weekend. Five troopers shut down a house party on Lynwood Road recently, referred the matter to the University, owners of the home notified and the neighbors are forming a community watch.

Goal – ensure public safety;

Objective – de-escalate;

Initiatives – University no guests permitted for Spring Weekend; considerations to closing path North Hillside (conditions to dictate); Daily Campus print by University of moratorium and additional press releases; other events to occur during weekends include basketball parade in Hartford, football game and an foosball game are scheduled; State Police working with Liquor Control for bar scenes. Attempts to reach out to businesses not as well received as hoped. None have stepped forward to hire extra help for security measures and/or parking management.

To hold a debriefing after the event is important.

#### 4. REPORTS --

- Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Regional Emergency Planning & Regional Drill: The state is divided into five regions. Mansfield is part of Region IV. Process of applying for grants is ongoing. Annual grants although beneficial financially do not encourage long-range planning and it is difficult to accomplish projects within the grant cycle. Next month drill focus on shelters and animals. This summer one is tentatively scheduled to bring together long-term care facilities for preparedness through coordination and networking. The Governor's bill is anticipated to bring about organizational changes at DEMHS.

January 2011 Disaster Declaration (snow): John Jackman recently met with FEMA representative regarding the disaster declaration. Based on information gathered and submitted to date, an estimated \$30,000-\$40,000 may be provided in relief to the Town of Mansfield.

Severe Repetitive Loss Grant: The Baker family residence on Thornbush Road was subject to frequent flooding and multiple damage claims. The home has been elevated about the 100-year flood level. The project is complete. When the Willimantic River flooded recently the family was able to stay in their home. A future visit of Town officials with the family at the site should be coordinated. The SRL grant is a pilot program and we've set a positive model.

- Eastern Highlands Health District

The Health District and Board of Ed have meeting set regarding use of facilities for vaccination sites as secondary mass clinic when there is need. Drill for mass dispensing in an emergency response to include Natchaug and long-term care facilities within patients, staff and staff families. \$80,000 is spent in four months surplus pandemic response such as past H1N1. Next EHHD emergency preparedness meeting is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

5. ADJOURNMENT -- There being no further business to be presented to the members, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jennifer Thompson*