

**Town of Orange, Connecticut
Emergency Management Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for
April 27, 2018**

Members , Attendees: Fred Palmer – E. M. Director, Tino Russo – Asst. E. M. Director, Robert Gagne - Police Chief , Charles Sherwood Fire Dept., Dr Bruce Backer, Al Mushin – CERT, Carol Luddy - Health, Tim Craven – AMR, Jim White.

Not in Attendance: Tim Smith – Fire Marshal, Amir Mohammad, MD Director of Health, Mike Luzzi - Education, Vaughn Dumas– Fire Chief, Donald Foyer, Sr. - Highway, Joan Cretella – Director Community Services, Brian Slugoski – Sanitarian, Bob Fodero-Health, Commander Glen Sherman – 103rd National Guard, American Red Cross.

Guests: Maria Biondi - OVNA, Rachael Klein (intern OVNA Health), Ted Novicki (UI), Erik Robie (UI), Mark Grindell (UI), Mellissa Johnston (UI), Ed Delmonte (UI)

**The meeting was called to order at 8:00am
Pledged Allegiance to the flag.**

ESF-1 Transportation: No report.

ESF-2 Communications: Chief Gagne stated Police Community room is now the dispatch area as the Dispatch room is being renovated. May be complete in about two weeks. Need meeting of ESF-2 to discuss the new Police radio system.

ESF-3 Public Works – No Report.

SF-4 Firefighting - Fire Department has voted several new Officers. Chief Vaughn Dumas. There is discussion ongoing to make Fire Department First Responders. Fire Department is planning a Boot Drive as a fundraiser.

ESF-5 Emergency Management: there is a Health Pod exercise planned for June 21. June 20th is the State **BE PREPARED.** Have food supplies and be able to cope without electricity for several days.

ESF-6 Mass Care/Shelter/Community Services: No Report.

ESF-7 Resource Management: No Report.

ESF-8 Public Health and Medical: Flu Season winding down, approximately 125 deaths in Connecticut this season. Diabetes

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project in process and a Hoarding project in process. Stop the Bleed – Training for civilians May 16th in Bethany open to the public.

OVNA – Gave approximately 900 Flu Shots this season. Intern Rachael working on a Diabetes Program – stress exercise, weight loss, A1C glucose testing and advice on dieting and activities. Rachael is also starting a program on hoarding.

AMR – EMS plan should be looked at.

Red Cross: No Report.

ESF-12 Energy: UI presented their program on working with the town on disasters. Discussed Typical Hurricane response, etc. Safety, Wires down, Make Safe, Contacts, Standard Operating Procedures, etc.

ESF-13 Law Enforcement: In talks with OVFD to be named Supplemental Responders, Woodbridge Fire is Supplemental in their town. Medical calls on the increase and it would be good to have backup if Police department is overwhelmed. There is program to give deaf drivers green cards to show to officers if they are stopped. Working on the drug drop off program. Citizens Corps Program starting soon. Two new vehicles received. There is a Mental Health and Human Services Panel with discussion. More First Responders are taking their own lives than killed on Duty. EAP Employee Assistance Program - Officers must be vigilant all the time on the job, pursuits, persons with weapons, domestic calls, etc. Dr Kevin Gilmartin book and speaker on subject is very good. Hyper Vigilance. Emotionalsurvival.com. Sharing resources.

Education: No Report.

AMR: Nothing to report.

CERT: Busy, Peck Place event done, drug collection planned, Stop The Bleed, Memorial Day Parade, Carnival, etc.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A Public Hearing will take place at 9:00am today on the towns new Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Next Meeting: May 25, 2018.

Adjourned: 9:25am.

Fred Palmer

Director Emergency Management

Cc: EMAC Members, Town Clerk, Jim Zeoli