

**TOWN OF SOMERS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday, April 6th, 2023
8:00 AM
Fire Station**

1. Call to Order
2. Members Present
3. Old Business
 - a. Sanitarian
 - b. Social Services
 - c. Police
 - d. Fire
 - e. DPW
 - f. Schools
 - g. CERT
4. New Business
 - a. General Discussion,
 - b. Training Opportunities,
 - i. Traffic Incident Management
 - ii. DEMHS Training Bulletin
5. Approval of Minutes: March 2nd, 2023
6. Adjournment

Town of Somers
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council
Thursday, March 2nd, 2023
8:00 A.M.
Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:00

II. Members present: Glen Reynolds, Todd Rolland, Dan Thayer, Karen Hocking, Chief John Roche, Anne Cournoyer, and Trooper Justin Preuss

Also, in attendance were: Kim Littig, Matthew Cox, Andrea Vitrano, Stephanie Levin, and First Selectman Tim Keeney

Members Absent: Superintendent Paul Gagliarducci, and Peter Debrino

III. OLD BUSINESS

Sanitarian/Health/COVID: Andrea Vitrano – Report is attached. State has stopped tracking Covid so that is a good sign.

Human Services: Introduced Matthew Cox to the group

Police: Trooper Preuss – Report Attached – Domestic with shots fired incident in town on Sunday 2/26. No injuries reported and suspect is in custody in Mass. Awaiting extradition back to Ct. Speed Enforcement on hold due to tree work contracts needing officers to work them. MBA had a secure school event last week. Student said he had a gun, there was no gun but incident blew up via students’ texting parents. The accountability bill requires an accreditation inspection of policies and procedures, all towns with officers must comply with this, however it is very difficult and very little guidance from the state. We will continue to explore options

Fire: Chief Roache – Had to leave early due to another meeting

DPW: Todd Rolland – 1 wind event and a snow event on the 24th. No accidents reported. Presenting the updated community center to the selectmen next Thursday in preparation in moving it to a referendum. 3/25 will be the Scantic Splash Event

Schools: Stephanie Levin – Looking to put in for a security grant. It can award for past projects going back to 2013. On 3/25, there will be a 1 Mile Fun Run put on for one of the senior’s capstone project, Vision blvd. will be shut down.

IV New Business

CERT: Karen Hocking – Held a zoom meeting this month due to the threat of weather. Our group is growing in numbers. Basic CERT class being held 3/18-3/19 in Stafford. Applications are on the town’s website. Team now has 2 certified EMR’s which can help out more in case of a medical emergency.

Kim Littig – K-9 Search team will be on the schools grounds conducting a drill on an upcoming weekend.

Glen Reynolds – Resigning my positions with the town. Accepted a position with the Town of South Windsor. This will be my last meeting. Thank you to all of you for your support and help over the past few years.

Tim Keeney – Big thank you to Todd and his crews during the last storm. Testified for HB 6664 regarding organic recycling

V Approval of Minutes:

Dan Thayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2023 meeting, Todd Rolland seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

VI Adjournment

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn, Dan Thayer seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Minutes not official until approval at next meeting

NATIONAL TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (TIM) RESPONDER TRAINING PROGRAM

CT DOT HEADQUARTERS, FREE ONE DAY CLASS OPPORTUNITY



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Responder Training Course Announcement

The National TIM Responder Training Program was developed by responders for responders, and was designed to promote consistent training of all responders to achieve the three objectives of the TIM National Unified Goal (NUG):

- Responder Safety
- Safe, Quick Clearance
- Prompt, Reliable, Interoperable Communications

The target audience for this course is all TIM disciplines, including: Communications, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire/Rescue, Law Enforcement, Towing and Recovery, and Transportation/Public Works.

TIM Responder Training Course Lesson Summary

1. **Introduction:** TIM training program purpose, the dangers encountered by emergency responders working in or near traffic, and the definition of TIM
2. **TIM Fundamentals and Terminology:** safe, quick clearance definition, supporting legislation, and common response terminology
3. **Notification and Scene Size-Up:** roles and responsibilities of public safety communications centers and transportation management centers, and scene size-up reporting
4. **Safe Vehicle Positioning:** safe positioning of vehicles and blocking
5. **Scene Safety:** emergency vehicle markings, emergency-vehicle lighting, use of high-visibility safety apparel, and safe practices for avoiding the Zero Buffer
6. **Command Responsibilities:** Incident Command System as it relates to TIM
7. **Traffic Management:** components of a Traffic Incident Management Area and the proper use of temporary traffic control devices
8. **Special Circumstances:** incidents involving vehicle fires, hazardous materials, vehicle fluid spills, and crash investigations
9. **Clearance and Termination:** quick clearance strategies, towing and recovery communications, and incident termination

Details for the upcoming **free** TIM Responder Training course are as follows:

NEW Dates Available: Wed. Feb. 8th, Sat. Feb. 11th, Tue. Mar. 14th, Sat. Mar. 18th, Tue. Apr. 4th, Wed, May 10th, Sat. May 13th, Sat. June 10th, Wed. June 14th, Wed. July 19th, Sat. July 22nd

Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm

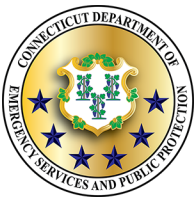
Location: CT DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington

Registration: Email Aidan Neely at the email address below.

Contact: aidan.neely@ct.gov 860-594-3454



This training has been endorsed by the following national associations: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), American Public Works Association (APWA), Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association (CVVFA), Division of State Associations of Chiefs of Police (SACOP), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Intelligent Transportation Society (ITS) of America, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA), National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), Towing and Recovery Association of America (TRAA), and Transportation Research Board (TRB).



DEMHS Training Bulletin

First Quarter 2023

Current Training Opportunities

MGT418: Readiness: Training Identification and Preparedness Planning (RTIPP)

- Participants will learn how to create effective training plans for their agencies and jurisdictions. Additional information is available at the [TEEX](#) website and at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#).
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Mitigation; [Core Capability](#): Community Resilience
- March 20-21, 2023: [Middletown, CT](#) (follow link for registration)
- March 22-23, 2023: [Torrington, CT](#) (follow link for registration)
- March 27-28, 2023: [Willimantic, CT](#) (follow link for registration)
- ~~April 17-18, 2023: Bridgeport, CT (follow link for registration)~~ **Cancelled**
- April 19-20, 2023: [Branford, CT](#) (follow link for registration)
- May 8-9, 2023: [Bridgeport, CT](#) (follow link for registration) **Moved to Bridgeport**
- Time: 16 Hours (2 Days)
- Additional registration information is on the [CT DEMHS Calendar](#).

ICS400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents

- Participants will gain an understanding of the special management challenges of complex incidents and the circumstances in which a Multi-Agency Coordination System is established. Additional information is available at [TEEX](#) website and at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#).
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Resilience & Recovery; [Core Capability](#): Operational Coordination
- 4/14/2023 – 4/15/2023: [Glastonbury, CT](#)
- Time: 16 Hours (2 Days)
- Registration information is [here](#) and on the [CT DEMHS Calendar](#).

L0388: Advanced Public Information Officer

- Participants will learn the skills and knowledge needed to establish, manage, and work within a Joint Information Center. Participants will apply advanced skills during a multi-day functional exercise. Additional information is available at the [FEMA EMI](#) website and at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#). Note that **multiple prerequisites are required**. See the details here: [L0388 Prerequisites](#)
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Common; [Core Capability](#): Public Information and Warning
- 5/15/2023 – 5/19/2023: Fairfield, CT
- Time: 36 Hours (5 Days)
- Registration information is [here](#) and on the [CT DEMHS Calendar](#).



G0428: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer

- Participants will learn to deliver CERT Basic Training, convey the messages and intent of the CERT Program, assure that participants achieve the objectives of CERT Basic Training and create a comfortable yet managed learning environment.
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Prevent, Respond, Investigate; [Core Capability](#): Planning
- March 11, 2023 & March 20, 2023 (Locations to be determined; both days): Hartford, CT
- Time: 16 Hours (2 Days)
- Registration information is [here](#) and on the [CT DEMHS Calendar](#).

FULL

L0449: Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula Train-the-Trainer

- Participants will explain the background of ICS training development, identify key requirements and elements within the NIMS Training Program, identify appropriate instructional techniques and critical teaching points and explain how to coordinate and execute course deliveries. Endorsement from the CT State Training Officer is required for attendance. Additional information is available at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#).
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Respond; [Core Capability](#): Operational Coordination
- July 17 – 21, 2023: Location to be determined
- Time: 40 Hours (5 Days)
- Additional registration information will be available soon.

AWR-409: Detecting Domestic and Homegrown Violent Extremism

- Participants will define extremism and the difference between domestic violent extremism and homegrown violent extremism, describe the baseline of extremist behaviors and characteristics, describe methods of recruitment and radicalization, threats to first responders and strategies to counter extremist threats. Additional information is available at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#).
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Prevent; [Core Capability](#): Interdiction and Disruption
- July 19, 2023: Location to be determined
- July 20, 2023: Location to be determined
- Time: 8 Hours (1 day)
- Additional registration information will be available soon.

G0191: Incident Command System / Emergency Operations Center Interface

- Participants will develop the skills to effectively work in an Emergency Operations Center and the ability to interface with Unified / Incident Command. Additional information is available at [FirstResponderTraining.gov](#).
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Common; [Core Capability](#): Operational Coordination
- Time: 8 Hours (1 or 2 days)
- Contact your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) for scheduling opportunities.

Connecticut WebEOC Training

- Participants will learn to use WebEOC, the State's disaster content management and workflow system. The 3-hour Basic program is a comprehensive training session that assists municipalities, state agencies, tribal government, and other stakeholders in the proper WebEOC reporting practices and method. Additional specific skills training opportunities are available after participants have completed the Basic program. Additional information is available on this [CT DEMHS website](#).

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- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Response; [Core Capability](#): Operational Communications
- Time: 3 Hours (Basic); others vary
- Contact your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) for scheduling opportunities and check the [CT DEMHS Calendar](#) periodically.

Violent Extremism, Terrorism and Targeted Violence Awareness

- Participants will learn the difference between Violent Extremism, Terrorism, and Targeted Violence. Participants will be introduced to the pathway to violence and indicators of violent mobilization. Participants will learn about numerous resources available to their communities.
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Prevention & Mitigation; [Core Capability](#): Community Resilience
- Time: 2 hours; Custom programs available
- Available soon

Emergency Management: Cybersecurity Awareness

- Participants will learn to about cyber threats and their associated impacts using real world examples. Participants will learn about cyber hygiene, reporting mechanisms and applicable cybersecurity grant programs. Intended as an introductory course for municipal Emergency Management officials and Information Technology personnel.
- FEMA [Mission Area\(s\)](#): Protection; [Core Capability](#): Cybersecurity
- Time: 2 hours
- Available soon

Additional Programs, Support and Materials

Additional available programs include:

- CERT Guide to Community Preparedness (1 Hour)
- Emergency Financial First Aid Toolkit (2 Hours)
- Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (2 Hours)
- You are the Help Until Help Arrives (2 Hours)
- FEMA Community Lifelines Implementation Toolkit Presentation (2 Hours)
- Community Preparedness: Integrating the Needs of Children (2 Hours)
- Program delivery support and course materials are available for following programs:
 - Student Tools for Emergency Planning; Check [Ready.gov](#) for more information
 - Community Emergency Response Team; Check [FEMA.gov](#) for more information
- Contact your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) for more information on these programs and support.



Recent Training News

- In December, a group of dedicated Emergency Management volunteers and professionals graduated from the FEMA National Emergency Management Basic Academy. This required more than 170 hours of training, both in person and independent studies. Stay tuned for future Basic Academy opportunities.
- 30 participants recently completed the first course of the FEMA National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA). NEMAA reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. This is the first time this program has been made available in the State of Connecticut.
- CERT Saturday 2022 was held in November. The event was a big success with more than 110 participants in attendance for programs including Light Fire Suppression, Cribbing and Lifting, the National Traffic Incident Management System, the American Heart Association's Heartsaver® CPR & AED, State Animal Response Teams course, a CERT Train-the-Trainer Update, Drones in Emergency Management, and community awareness programs in Domestic Violent Extremism and Cybersecurity. A special thanks goes out to all the expert instructors and the Connecticut Fire Academy for providing the venue.
- Other recent deliveries include ICS-300: Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, Readiness: Training Identification & Preparedness Planning courses, and G0191: Incident Command System / Emergency Operations Center Interface.
- CT DEMHS will be implementing a new Learning Management System in the near future. The training calendar, course requests, applications and registrations will be transitioned to that system over time. Additional information will be provided soon.

Exercise Resources

- The [U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency](#) provides guidance to [exercise development](#) and has several [exercise packages](#) available.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency [PrepToolKit](#) website provides [exercise development](#) guidance including policy, design, conduct, evaluation and improvement planning and has several [exercise starter kits](#) available.
- The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center provides a variety of [training](#) programs and formats as well as numerous [exercise packages](#).
- If you are interested in hosting an exercise and would like assistance, please reach out to your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) or DEMHS.TrainingandExercise@CT.gov.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION

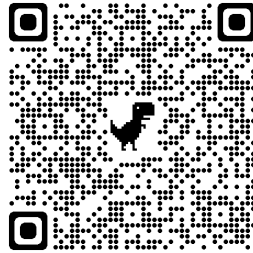
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Other Opportunities

- The [FEMA Emergency Management Institute](#) offers self-paced courses for emergency management volunteers and professionals as well as members of the public. The topics include Incident Command System, public information, and whole community recovery among the 200+ courses. Programs are free to take. See their [Independent Study website](#) for more information.
- The [National Domestic Preparedness Consortium](#), NDPC, and the [Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium](#), RDPC, are partnerships of nationally recognized organizations with the goal of meeting the training needs of the nation's emergency first responders and whole community members. Training opportunities are available for responders, emergency management personnel, volunteers, and members of the community. Programs are available in several formats including residential, local or mobile, and virtual deliveries. See the [National Preparedness Course Catalog](#) for additional information on courses. Local course deliveries require the approval of the CT State Training Officer, contact your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) to request approval. Individual attendance at certain programs may require the approval of the CT State Training Officer, contact your [DEMHS Regional Coordinator](#) for assistance.

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