

# ELLINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

July 2018

## Summary

- Veterans Service Rep. - Working with the Dept. of Public Works to upgrade Veterans Memorial in Crystal Lake area on Sandy Beach Rd.
- Accepted Intertown Cooperation Award on behalf of Town at annual CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Governments) meeting in West Hartford  
**Award Reads:**The towns of Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Columbia, Coventry, East Windsor, Ellington, Hebron, Mansfield, Marlborough, Somers, Stafford, Tolland, Union, Vernon and Willington have joined together to provide fire dispatch services through Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service, Inc. The center provides 911 answering and dispatch services to these sixteen towns encompassing twenty-four emergency service organizations within the region. This is a great example of multiple communities working together to provide an extremely important municipal service.

## Initiatives

- 06/11/18 – Chaired Emergency Management Advisory Council meeting
- 06/19/18 – appeared with First Selectman on CVA Pubic TV program – Ellington News
- 06/20/18 – participated in the Governor’s yearly EPPI Exercise. (Emergency Preparation Planning Initiative) EOC opened. (Emergency Operations Center) Participants; fire, police, ambulance, Public Works, Human Services, CERT, North Central District Health Dept., First Selectman, Eversource, Board of Education and Senior Center. Exercise involved severe turbulent summer wind storm striking Ellington. Storm posed numerous incidents and situations to our Town. Each incident/situation required a response from the various Department representatives at the EOC. Exercise successfully completed.

## Incidents

- 06/14/18 – DEEP report, transformer oil spill, less than 1 gal. – No environmental impact, 1 Abbott Rd., contractor cleaned up.
- 06/19/18 – DEEP report, transformer oil, less than five gallons, 30 Aborn Rd. Contractor clean up, no environmental impact.
- 06/28/18 – DEEP report, #2 fuel oil leak, in-ground tank failure. Tank removed. 238 Pinney St., no environmental impact.

- Town Cooling Centers (Library / Senior Ctr.) opened during Heat Advisory Period. Additionally, YMCA allowed their facility to be used as a Cooling Center to residents during this period.

### **Training / Meetings Attended**

- 06/13/18 – Annual CRCOG meeting (Capitol Region Council of Governments) (See Summary above)
- 06/13/18 - Attended meeting re.: Mass Casualty Field Exercise scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA

### **Town Veteran Service Representative**

- 06/21/18 – Attended Veterans Coffee House meeting at the Town Library (15 attendees) guest speaker from North Central District Health Dept.
- Veteran Service Rep. + Dept. of Public Works working together to enhance the Veterans Memorial located on Sandy Beach Rd. across from Crystal Lake School. (see Summary above)
- Worked with Region #2 Veteran Service Officer, in submitting paperwork for medical benefits for a Veteran.
- Applied for the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal for a Veteran
- Completed paperwork for Veteran re. His service and military awards. Submitted paperwork to the National Museum of the U.S. Army in Washington. Veteran is to be enrolled in the Museum Records.
- Met with new Principal John Guidry, Ellington H.S. Re.: Veterans Day Program conducted at the High School in November. Suggestion made to have more student involvement in the program. E.g. singing, school band playing patriotic + military songs honoring Veterans attending etc. Principal was very receptive to suggestions. Wants to meet with me when school reconvenes in September to formulate a Veterans Day Program. He will have the school band and choral group leaders at the meeting.

### **CERT TEAM**

- CERT members handled communications at the Ellington EOC (Emergency Operations Ctr.) during the Governors EPPI (Emergency Planning + Preparation Initiative drill) on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The CERT Ham Radio Team conducted testing of their equipment during this reporting period.
- CERT members participated in their monthly training meeting during June.
- CERT members are scheduled to assist; Vernon and Enfield with their Holiday fireworks programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Emergency Management Director / Town Veterans Service Representative