

# ELLINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

**November 2018**

## Summary

- Mass Casualty Drill Exercise conducted at the YMCA. Exercise involved a partial collapse of the YMCA facility with eighteen casualties.
- Facilitated meeting between the Ambulance Corps and the representative from the Board of Education to implement “Stop the Bleed” training to teachers and staff at the five Ellington Schools.

## Initiatives

- 08/14/18 – Participated in Mass Casualty Drill conducted at the YMCA. Both Ellington Fire Depts. and the Ambulance Corps participated in exercise. The drill simulated a partial collapse of the YMCA with eighteen victims. The building was searched; victims found, triage provided and victims transported from the scene. CRCOG – Capitol Region Council of Govts. provided oversight and evaluators for the exercise.
- Attended the following school drills;
  - 10/16/18 – Ell. Middle School - Lockdown Drill
  - 10/17/18 – Crystal Lake School – Evacuation Drill
  - 10/23/18 – Eclipse School - Fire Drill
  - 10/25/18 – Center School – Fire Drill
- 10/23/18 – Initiated a meeting between the Ambulance Corps and the Board of Education Operations / Facilities Director re. “Stop the Bleed” training for Faculty and Staff at the five Ellington Schools. The Ambulance Corps will use their Certified Trainers to conduct the training. The program will begin during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Incidents

- 10/26/18 – DEEP reported a Tow truck fire incident, 52 New Hill Rd. Diesel + motor oil spilled onto the roadway as a result of the fire. Crystal Lake Fire Dept. responded to the fire and cleaned up the scene. No environmental impact.

### Training / Meetings Attended

- 10/22/18 – Board of Education District School Committee Safety + Security meeting
- 10/23/18 – Invited to attend Town Patriotic Committee meeting. The Patriotic Committee looking for assistance in becoming more involved with the Town in promoting Patriotic topics. Eg. within the schools, the Town etc.

- 11/05/18 – Attended CRCOG (Capitol Region Council of Govts.) Citizens Corps Council meeting. Discussion re. Town CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) groups – training, activities and equipment. Submitted a request for a \$1,000 grant to purchase equipment for the Ellington CERT Team.
- 11/05/18 – Chairman for the Emergency Management Advisory Council Meeting.

### **Town Veteran Service Representative**

- 10/18/18 – Attended Veterans Coffee House meeting at the Town Library (13 attendees) guest speaker State House Rep. Greg Stokes – 58<sup>th</sup> District, member of the Legislature’s Veterans Committee.
- Brought to Rep. Stokes attention, that I assisted a Veteran in applying for medals he earned during his military service in Vietnam. (Veteran was present at Coffee House meeting) One of the medals earned was the Bronze Star with three clusters. (meaning he earned the medal on three occasions in three different campaigns) The Veteran received correspondence from a Federal Agency that verified the Veteran’s paper work was in order and he earned the medals that were applied for. He would receive the medals in 1 ½ - 2 yrs. I asked Rep. Stokes if he could review the process and shorten the two year delivery period for the medals. Stokes was provided with a copy the letter sent to the Veteran and the Veterans information. Stokes said he would look into the matter and get back to me. The next day, State V.A. Commissioner Tom Saadi, forwarded me an email. The Commissioner said he was looking into the delivery of the medals issue and would get back to me with his findings.
- Five Branch Service Flags (Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force) + POW Flag added to the Crystal Lake Military Memorial on Sandy Beach Rd.

### **CERT TEAM**

- CERT members participated in the first ever Region #3 “CERT Day.” CERT Teams from the greater Hartford area participated in demonstrating their capabilities to the public. Eg. Ham Radio Teams, various equipment pieces, search dogs, therapy dogs, drones etc. The program was held at Veterans Park in South Windsor.
- CERT Team will work with the Human Services Unit to “adopt” several needy Senior members during the December Holidays. Senior members will be provided food and/or clothing articles. In addition the CERT Team will provide a Holiday Meal to a needy family. Children in the family will be provided gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

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