

ELLINGTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

December 2018

Summary

- Worked with Board of Education Operations Mgr. and Deputy EMD John Streiber on re-tooling the Crystal Lake School generator to be more efficient during an Emergency Incident.
- Active Shooter Incidents - As the result of a new procedure in responding to these type incidents, submitted a Capital Improvement request for equipment to outfit medical personnel who will be responding to “warm zones” during an Active Shooter incident. (explained below)

Initiatives

- 10/31/18 – Attended CCM Conference (Connecticut Council of Municipalities)
- 11/6/18 - Attended training session “Coordinated Response (fire, police, ambulance) To Active Shooter Incidents.” The training session emphasized that the majority of deaths at an active shooter incident, resulted from the lack of immediate medical care and the individual bled to death. As the result of those findings, a new response procedure was being implemented. Police would respond to the scene. They would seek out the Active Shooter or Shooters. As they searched for the shooter and cleared an area, police would notify medical personnel the location of the “warm zone area.” Trained and properly equipped medical personnel would respond to the “warm zone” and begin medical procedures on individuals in that area or brought to the area. Implementing this new procedure, would minimize individuals bleeding to death.
- Based on the above information, and to gain the benefit of purchasing in bulk rather than individual orders, I submitted a Capital Improvement request for the “warm zone equipment” for fire and ambulance personnel trained to respond to warm zones during active shooter incidents. Helmets, heavy duty bullet proof vests, goggles, gloves etc. The request was made in conjunction with input from the Town Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps.
- 11/20/18 – Submitted Emergency Management Performance Grant request for \$15,785.00 (this is not related to the “warm zone equipment mentioned above.)
- Upgrades (rewiring) were made to the existing Crystal Lake School generator. The rewiring provided power to; areas of the cafeteria for the preparation of food, activating electrical outlets throughout various rooms of the school and providing

warm water in the lavatory and shower facilities. The upgrades benefited; the school, in the event of a sudden power outage, and the Town, in the event the School was needed as a Shelter during an Emergency Incident.

- 11/19/18 - Participated in a covert TSA Exercise at Bradley Field testing TSA procedures in checking passengers and their baggage at the airport.
- Asked to speak to the Mansfield Masons at their Lodge in Mansfield, CT., on January 30th. Topics; Ellington CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team) activities etc. and responsibilities as Town Veteran Service Representative.
- Attended the following school drills;
 - 11/20/18 – Ellington High School - Fire Drill
 - 11/28/18 – Crystal Lake School – Fire Drill
 - 11/28/18 – Ellington Middle School - Fire Drill

Training / Meetings Attended

- 11/5/18 – Citizens Corps Council meeting. Covered CERT program.
- 11/06/18 – Attended training; Coordinated response (fire, police, ambulance) to an Active Shooter Incident.
- 11/29/18 – Attended Windermere School Safety + Security meeting
- 12/4/18 – Attended CEMA (CT. Emergency Management Assoc.) meeting at Univ. of New Haven. Meeting covered opioid addiction and emergency incident that occurred on the New Haven Green in August of this year, involving usage by numerous individuals of a strong strain of a K-2 substance.

Town Veteran Service Representative

- 11/12/18 – Attended and participated in Veterans Day Ceremony at Ellington H.S.
- 11/15/18 – Held Veterans Coffee House meeting at the Town Library. Guest Speaker State Rep. Chris Davis, 57th District.

CERT TEAM

- Held monthly meeting and training. Ham Radio team conducted training exercise.
- The CERT Team marched in the Winterfest Light Parade and participated in the Town Winterfest activities on December 1st
- CERT members handed out information to members of the Senior Center, regarding preparation of themselves and their pets, during an emergency incident that required evacuation.

Respectfully submitted,
 Joseph Palombizio
 Emergency Management Director / Town Veterans Service Representative