

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Special Non-quorum Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 19, 2019
6:30pm Hank's Restaurant**

Present: Steve Mylly, Eli Iturrino, Kurt Hall, and April Lamothe; Recording Secretary

Also Present: Ethel Hall and Ernest Lamothe

Absent with notice: Sandra Brodeur

- 1) **Call to Order:** Steve Mylly called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.
- 2) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting due to lack of quorum.
- 3) **Welcome Guests:** Steve Mylly welcomed Ethel Hall and Ernest Lamothe to the meeting.
- 4) **Public Comment:** None
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a) **ID Badges:** Steve Mylly is waiting on a call back from the Old Mystic Fire Department to see how pictures for the badges need to be handled.
 - b) **Commission Apparel:** Eli Iturrino suggested that the Commission look at the Galls website for ideas of products and prices. Eli Iturrino mentioned a three-season jacket, that could be used as an uniform for the members. Eli Iturrino showed the members his badge from ECARA and Steve Mylly mentioned creating a contest for the Brooklyn students to design a new logo for a patch.
 - c) **FirstNet:** Steve Mylly had nothing new to report.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a) **January Meeting/LEOP Workshop:** Steve Mylly mentioned that LEOP Workshop will be on the agenda for the January meeting. He will be asking Rick Ives to have Tommy Rukstela attend the meeting. Steve Mylly would also like Leo Berube to attend.
 - b) Kurt Hall asked Steve Mylly for an update on the window security film; Steve Mylly reported that he needs to contact Superintendent Patricia Buell to see how many windows there are before he contacts the company again.
 - c) **Prestation by Eli Iturrino:** Eli Iturrino told the Commission that he was involved with the military and National Guard for 23 years, with his specialty of radio communication. He is currently involved with the AMVETS and the ECARA. Eli Iturrino spoke of the current weather-related disasters that have affected the United States. He reviewed the effects of the 2017 Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico and the different ways he was able to find to help those effected.
 - CrowdSource Rescue (crowdsourcerescue.com) was created during Hurricane Harvey in August 2017 in Houston. The site was created to help track stranded residents of Houston and allow volunteers to help rescue them. The site also allows for people to see what is needed in supplies/equipment and let others know they can help.
 - Zello Walkie Talkie App allows your phone/computer to become a walkie talkie. The Commission could be able to talk to one another in real time, after creating a group. It would allow for better communication, without purchasing more equipment.
 - Waze App allows a group to see how the members are moving in real time. This would allow others in their group to track them and give directions. The app would be useful in search and rescue situations.

- Radios: Eli Iturrino mentioned the Brooklyn Fair Radio Exercise held in 2018 to test the Commission's radios and found that he had a 5-mile radius of range. For the 2019 exercise, he attached the antenna to a 25 ft pole, which extend the range to 15 miles, reaching East Killingly from the Brooklyn Fairgrounds. Eli Iturrino also mentioned that Vinny Mazarella is the head of Region 4 Radio Communication and gave Eli Iturrino a list of equipment they have available, which will be posted in the EOC. Eli Iturrino also spoke of High Frequency Radios.

Eli Iturrino summarized that the Commission should investigate Zello, Waze, and CrowdSource Rescue and practice with them. Steve Mylly mentioned that the LEOP is a guide map that allows the Commission to create a plan if something happens.

7) **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Lamothe
Recording Secretary