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CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Richard A. Moccia, Fire Chief Denis McCarthy;
Deputy Chief Kulhawik

STAFF: Michelle DeLuca, Deputy Director of Emergency Management

OTHERS: Tad Diesel, Mayor's Office; Karen DeVecchio, IT Director;
Lt. Resnick, Norwalk Police Department; John Schlosser,
Personnel; Jennifer Lord, Norwalk Hospital; Adam Bovilsky,
Human Relations /Fair Rent Department Director; Hal Alvord,
DPW Director, Bill Mooney, Health Department; Alan Henschke,
Norwalk Hospital EMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

OEM Notifications

Ms. DeLuca reviewed the proposed the OEM notification system, which will help with tracking the calls into dispatch. Mayor Moccia said that part of the protocol was to insure that all the proper parties are notified, including the Mayor about major events. Dispatch will be calling the Fire Chief and the Mayor. Discussion then followed about whether the team members should call back to verify that they have received the message. Ms. DeLuca said that whenever the ConnectCTY system is used, Fire Chief McCarthy and Ms. DeLuca receive automatic emails.

EOC ID Card

Regarding the creation of Emergency Operations Center I.D. cards, Ms. DeLuca said that the department was working on creating these simple photo ids. Ms. DeLuca then distributed copies of the form for Accountability ID Card Data Collection Form to those present.

Black Friday/Box Store Safety plans

Fire Chief McCarthy then said that there had been discussions about the type of crowds that can assemble on Black Friday outside of store. He said that crowd management would be important for the various businesses and added that one retailer had hired off duty officers for the early opening. Mayor Moccia said that had been some minor problems at one of the major retails with pushing and shoving, but nothing anywhere near what happened in Long Island. Mayor Moccia said that it would also be important for the public to know that courtesy counts and will help in avoiding the type of crowds that form.

Emergency Operations Plan

Ms. DeLuca displayed the three inch binder containing the Emergency Operations Plan to those present. She explained that the bulk was the annexes, which include the Federal support functions. This means that the City's plan will mirror the State and the Federal plans. Ms. DeLuca said that currently there is only one master copy, which is in her office, and anyone can come to look at it. The copies of the various annex portions will be printed and sent to the appropriate parties.

Mayor Moccia said that it would be important to have an instruction to notify all Council members about the state of the emergency. Ms. DeLuca made a note of this.

UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

Information Technology - Ms. DelVecchio said that Information Technology is moving forward with the disaster kits with tool kits containing cabling, wiring, keyboards, and monitors to store at the EOC in the event that City Hall was not able to be occupied. Ms. DelVecchio said that the council broadcast had gone well.

Department of Public Works - Mr. Alvord said that the department had done a dry run on the snow plow routes. Twenty five drivers had been out with pre-treatment on Saturday night. If there is a snow emergency, getting the cars off the streets is very important. Mr. Alvord said that while the City Hall or school parking lots could be used on a Saturday night if vehicles had to be moved off the street, they could not be used on Sundays because they have to be plowed for Monday.

EMS. - Mr. Henschke announced that steps are being taken to make the ambulances are being made more secure following Mumbai incident when emergency vehicles were utilized by the terrorists. The EMS jackets have been updated for better visibility, particularly when EMTs are on the highway. After analyzing the calls for the last three years, it was discovered that there are fewer calls on Sunday. On Sundays there will only

be two ambulances scheduled and the third ambulance has been rescheduled for Friday night to handle the emergency call flow.

Health Department – Mr. Mooney stated that the Health Department recently participated in a regional exercise giving flu shots to returning commuters. He said that he appreciated the mobile police precinct at the East Norwalk Station because of all the rain.

Human Relations – No report.

Personnel – No report

Police Department - Deputy Chief Kulhawik gave a very brief update.

Norwalk Hospital - Jennifer Lord said that the Hospital was working with the ultimate care facility meeting on emergency angioplasty. Mayor Moccia said that Norwalk is the only city in the State that doesn't have emergency angioplasty. The Mayor said that he had recently testified about this recently along with others. First Selectman Joseoff of Westport is a certified EMT who also testified about the difficulty of handling this problem transporting patients with all the traffic on I-95. Ms. Lord and the Mayor agreed that the meeting went well.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Moccia adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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