

**CITY OF NORWALK  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Richard Moccia, Police Chief Harry Rilling

**STAFF:** Michelle DeLuca, Emergency Management Deputy Director

**OTHERS:** Jennifer Lord, Norwalk Hospital; Steve Woods, Red Cross; Hal Alvord, DPW Director; Adam Bovilsky, Norwalk ADA Coordinator; Leonard Nelson, Norwalk Health Department; Irene Cronknight, Family and Children's Agency; Dan Williamson, NHA; Louis Schulman, Norwalk Transit District; Karen DelVecchio, Norwalk IT Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Moccia called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Ms. DeLuca requested that everyone introduce themselves for the new attendees.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**FEMA declaration (Jan 11-13 snowstorm)**

FEMA did approve the declaration of disaster for the January 11th snowstorm. Documentation has been provided along with an damage estimate of a quarter of a million dollars. The non-City agencies like Norwalk Housing Authority and Norwalk Transit may have to file independent applications. The Mayor had several questions about what would qualify for reimbursements, which Mr. Alvord answered.

**Flooding - weather forecast**

Ms. DeLuca said that the National Weather Service was expecting the rain to say to the west of city and that the local area was not expecting a major rainfall.

Mr. Alvord said that on Sunday and Monday, the only problem was on Keeler Avenue at the I-95 overpass. This is because the water from I-95 drains down onto the road. This is being addressed and pipes are being cleaned out.

The DEP has just issued a permit for the drainage work on Meadow Street.

A brief discussion followed about potential flooding on Friday with a high tide expected.

### **Recovery Tabletop exercise (March 15)**

Ms. DeLuca then reviewed the details of the upcoming workshop for the various houses of worship and other civic groups on March 15th.

### **Reminder - meeting with CL&P**

Monday, March 14th, there will be a meeting with CL&P that will take place in Room 101.

### **POINTS OF DISTRIBUTION (POD) UPDATE**

Mr. Nelson, from the Health Department, distributed POD forms (Point of Distributions) which would be used following a biological agent, such as Anthrax, Plague or Tularemia to those present. If the City staff fills out the in advance, the packets will be made up in advance and in the event of an exposure, the Health Department does not have to worry about this. If an exposure occurs, the staff members would be eligible to receive the antibiotics for free. In the future, these forms would be available to the public.

Mr. Alvord said that there was a site called Ready Responder, which provides information for emergency preparedness. The Mayor reminded everyone that unless the municipal employees are able to operate, the services can't be provided for the residents. However, this does not mean that there is preferential treatment. Mr. Nelson explained that the closed PODS (large institutions like hospitals, etc.) will have the packets made up and ready for quick distribution, but the general population will most likely have to wait in line for their medications.

### **NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ROUNDTABLE UPDATE**

**Norwalk Hospital** - Ms. Lord reported that garage is in the process of being demolished and the main entrance is now on Maple Avenue. In the event of a mass triage, the area where the helicopter lands would be use for mass triage. This area would also be used as a decontamination site if needed. She announced that there would be upcoming power shut down at the hospital for 5 hours from 7 a.m. - noon for garage work.

**Red Cross** - No report

**Human Relations** - No report

**Norwalk Housing** - No report

**Norwalk Transit** - Mr. Schulman reported that the work on the Pulse Point will start up again next week with a completion date of late May or early June.

**Police** - Chief Rilling reported that Governor Malloy has announced that he may disband the Police Council and the Fire Council and merging it under one administration. There are also concerns that the Police Academy may begin charging \$2,500 per candidate. Chief Rilling said a number of local municipalities have their own academies and Norwalk's officers in training would be sent to one of those.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
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