



## ***Public Safety & Health Committee - Board of Representatives***

Jeffrey Stella, Chair

Eric Morson, Vice Chair

# **Committee Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Public Safety & Health Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Vice-Chair Morson and Committee Member Reps. Berns, Coleman, Garst, Pavia and Roqueta. Chair Stella, Reps. Campbell and Pierre-Louis were excused. Also present were President Curtis; Brittany Dube, Emergency Response Specialist; Chief Trevor Roach, Fire Dept; Walter Seely, Fire Marshall.; Jody Bishop-Pullan, Health Director; Joseph Gaudett, Emergency Communications Director.

Vice-Chair Morson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. PS31.015	REVIEW; Recent Disruption of 9-1-1 System. 03/09/22 – Submitted by Pres. Curtis 03/14/22 – Moved to Pending	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

Director Gaudett discussed the following:

- February 25, 2022 Stamford's Answering Point Viper 3 had an issue
- Viper 3 serves 35 other areas in Connecticut
- All the areas were receiving each other's 911 calls from the host
- Tried to report the problem to the AT&T 911 support center but could not get through
- AT&T could not figure out the problem and escalated it to the software company
- It was determined that the cause was from the configuration changes made early in the day for the city of Fairfield emergency communication center
- 413 911 calls entered Viper 3 at that time
- Did not miss any calls for service during this time
  - Police Dept took 37 calls
  - Fire and EMS took 21 calls
- Police and Fire bought in senior leadership
- The public was notified through social media
- Chose not to use robo calls to not overload the phone system

2. PS31.012	REVIEW; CERT and Medical Reserve Corp. 01/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Stella, Berns, Curtis and Pratt 02/14/22 – Moved to Pending 05/18/22 – No Action Taken 06/13/22 – Moved to Pending	<b>REPORT MADE</b>
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Brittany Dube discussed the following:

- Is in the National Program
- Stamford chapter begin June 2008
- 50 active members
- Half members are Health Care professionals
- On boarding process includes
  - HIPPA Training
  - Background check
- Monthly training on different Topics
  - Physiological First Aide
  - Cultural Competency
  - Shelter Basics
- 2021 Dedicated over 530 to the MRC
- 2022 the need to support Covid has dropped so the time has been spent by having training and Community outreach
- Supports Emergency Shelters
- Grant received for \$50,000 will be used for a part-time coordinator

Chief Roach added:

- CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) was formed because of 9/11
- Training people to be personally prepared and to help their neighbors
- Help with training to help run big shelters and with Covid running testing sites
- 50-60 CERT members
- 8 activations a month by Chief Roach as the Emergency Manager and they are paid by Workers Comp through the State of Connecticut
- Need to look into budget increase for both programs

3. PS31.028      REVIEW; Fire Alarms at 121 Towne Street and Yale &      **REPORT MADE**  
Towne Properties  
07/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Adams and Curtis  
07/11/22 – Moved to Pending

Fire Marshall Seely explained:

- Lack of proper repairs by their vendor
- Lack of communication between vendors, management and tenants
- Building had fire alarm deficiencies that weren't being fixed properly
- Replaced vendor and made a plan of action and completed the repairs needed
- Better Communication between Management and Tenants

Vice Chair Morson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vice Chair Morson

This meeting is on [video](#)