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Town of Orange, Connecticut
Emergency Management Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for
August 27, 2021

Patricia B. O'Brien
TOWN CLERK

Meeting held Virtually on Telephone.

Members , Attendees: Fred Palmer – E. M. Director, Tino Russo – Asst. E.M. Director, Robert Gagne - Police Chief, Vaughn Dumas - Fire Chief, Jamie Vincent – Fire Marshal, Dr. Vincent Scarpetti – Superintendent of Schools, Amir Mohammad – Health Director, Brian Slugoski - Health, Maria Russo – CERT,

Not in Attendance: Donald Foyer, Sr. – Highway, Dr. Bruce Backer, Dennis Marsh – Comm. Services, Jim White, Tim Craven – AMR, American Red Cross.

Guests: Max Martins Asst. Police Chief, Rev. Peter Orfanikas, Terrie Waldron - OVNA, Ron Kirby – OPD, Tim Borer – Deputy Fire Marshal, Greg Milano – UI.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am.

ESF-1 Transportation: No report.

ESF-2 Communications: Max Martins EOC Console will be discussed with Tony Cuozzo.

ESF-3 Public Works – No Report.

ESF-4 Firefighting OVFD is in Good Shape.
Refreshment Truck OFD and CERT to be worked on.

Fire Marshall: Everyone needs to keep track of purchases, time, etc. for State and Federal reimbursement.

ESF-5 Emergency Management – We are now in the Hurricane season, be prepared at home and work.

ESF-6 Mass Care/Shelter/Community Services: CERT Storage Room shelving needs to be fastened to the wall.

Dennis Marsh wants to meet with those involved opening and running the Mass care (Shelter). Masks, Health, Safety.

ESF-7 Resource Management: No Report.

ESF-8 Public Health and Medical: There has been a significant rise in Covid cases in town, all ages, infant, etc.. May and July only one case. Need to follow protocols with schools, encourage strict prevenative measures, no mandates. Infection rate is rising. 18 Breakthrough cases, many with Pfizer, mild, 572 cases January to now, 5 deaths.

Red Cross: Not in attendance.

ESF-12 Energy: Greg Milano reported that UI had a Liaison at the town EOC for the August 22nd tropical storm. Make Safe crews were on standby.

ESF-13 Law Enforcement: We opened the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) on August 22 for the Tropical Storm (HENRI) which turned out to be a good dry run as there were no activities. We discovered the radio system needed upgrading and we used the Calzone Box as backup. OPD hired dispatchers, transfer two recruits to the Academy, Fire Alarm has been replaced. The Server Room will be expanded with A/C.

Education: We are ready for Hurricane. Schools start Monday Fulltime, expect heavy traffic.

Religious: Father Peter stated indoor services are adding more people. Odyssey will be a drive through Labor Day weekend. Workers will be Social Distanced.

AMR: No Report.

CERT: Was on Standby for Tropical Storm HENRI. Firemen's Carnival provided help and watched the Fire Line for the Fireworks. CERT will be working the Labor Day Fireworks. In person meeting will be held August 25th.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2021

Meeting adjourned – 8:40am.

Fred Palmer

Director Emergency Management

Cc: EMAC Members, Town Clerk, Jim Zeoli