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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE
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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Public Safety Sub-Committee for January 29, 2010 was called to order at 7:10 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. The following members of the sub-committee were present: Kevin Kowalski, Mickey Lecours-Beck, Lucy Bowman, John Hampton (Chairman), Selectman Hensley, Burke LeClair, Mr. Wojciak and Mr. Matheny. Other interested parties were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was none.

1. UPDATES AND REPORTS

Ambulance

There was no report.

Civil Preparedness

Mr. Kowalski stated that there was a NIMS 300 class that has now been completed. He stated that there was also River information sent out to everyone, which has the hydrology information of the anticipated level of the River. It was anticipated that the River would reach 12 feet, although it fell short by approximately 1 foot. Mr. Lecours-Beck stated that the River information is very helpful.

Mr. Kowalski stated that he needs a date for the upcoming disaster; this

exercise will be held in May or June. The date will be a Saturday and the exercise will be held in the morning. It will start approximately 6am and end between 10 a.m. and noon. He asked that people send potential dates to him. Mr. Kowalski stated that selecting a date when everyone is available is one of the most important parts of the disaster exercise. He stated that he would like to use some of the school kids to act as victims; this exercise needs to be done prior to the summer recess. He stated that he is looking to have approximately 50 victims.

Ms. Bowman questioned if funding was needed for this disaster. Mr. Kowalski stated that he is actively pursuing funding. There may be money available through CRCOG. He stated that this funding would be used for personnel costs.

Chairman Hampton asked if the Chamber and other businesses would be notified of this exercise. Mr. Kowalski stated that this will be the next phase of the planning. He stated that they do not want to impact any businesses, which is why they will be starting this exercise early in the morning.

Fire

Mr. Kowalski stated that if and when more snow comes, they would like people to be aware that hydrants by their houses need to be cleared.

During construction of the new fire house, Mr. Kowalski stated that they have been using the red barn at the Meadows. This has been working well, although they are having a bit of an issue with the roadway. As the frost melts, the roadway turns to mud. He stated that they are using the main driveway when there is mud and the possibility of getting stuck, but using caution near the playground. Safety is a big issue

Mr. Kowalski stated that the fire house is coming along very well; they are currently ahead of schedule.

Chairman Hampton questioned how the Numbers Up program was doing. Mr. Kowalski stated that he was unsure. This was a Boy Scout project; this is still an issue within the Town.

Farmington Valley Health District

Mr. Matheny stated that they have held 16 clinics for the H1N1 vaccine. They have vaccinated just under 5,500 people. They are mostly done with the clinics for now, although they may schedule another one in the future, depending on demand.

Police

There was no report.

Social Services

Ms. Lecours-Beck thanked the Simsbury Fire Department; they have raised and collected over \$600 for their food closet, as well as a great deal of food.

Education

Mr. LeClair stated that they have continued to do Code Red drills with assistance from the Police Department. He also thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to Tootin Hills when their sprinklers went off.

CL&P

There was no report.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Discuss "green salt" as used by the Highway Department

Chairman Hampton stated that there have not been any issues regarding the new material that is being put on the roadways. Generally, there has been good reception; the new material is working and is good for the environment.

Mr. Kowalski stated that the only issue is that the maintenance for their trucks has doubled. They are losing a lot of the component under their vehicles from corrosion. He stated that even though they wash their vehicles after every call, this is still an issue.

Chairman Hampton stated that he would talk to Ms. Glassman and Tom Roy regarding this issue.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kowalski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.