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Annual Meeting Award Recipients



Mr. Adams,
Mr. Hassinger and
Mr. McInerney

Outstanding Service Award Robert Hassinger, Grafton

Mr. Robert Hassinger was this year's recipient of the Outstanding Service Award. Mr. Adams spoke to the members about the dedication of Robert Hassinger not only to the Commission but the [Town of Grafton](#) in the last 2 decades.

Mr. Adams read the inscription on the Outstanding Service Award of 2011 for Robert Hassinger that stated, "In recognition of twenty years of contributions through dedicated service and leadership to the Commission, its Executive Committee, Transportation Committee and Physical Development Committee; to the Town of Grafton, its Planning



Central Region's Ambu-Bus

The [Central Region Homeland Security Advisory Council](#) (CRHSAC) and the [Worcester Regional Transit Authority](#) (WRTA) recently joined together to provide a new piece of equipment, the Ambu-Bus, to the Central Region Homeland Security emergency services. The [Merrimack Valley Transit Authority](#) converted the bus.

The Ambu-Bus, which will be operated by the WRTA and is available to all communities in the Homeland Security Central Region during an emergency, is part transport bus and part ambulance. The WRTA donated a used bus that was going to be taken out of service to CRHSAC, which utilized a [US Dept of Homeland Security](#) grant to re-furbish the bus into a vehicle that houses twelve stretchers, oxygen at each stretcher position, first aid gear and some seating positions. It is designed to assist in moving patients from nursing homes, transporting multiple casualties to a medical facility during an emergency or similar uses. The vehicle will be available through the [Central MA C-Med Dispatch Center](#) in Holden. A training program will be offered to all local EMS agencies once it is fully outfitted.

This partnership between the WRTA and CRHSAC is a great success story of two public service agencies working together to meet the needs of the citizens of the Central Region. Our Ambu-Bus joins two others in the Commonwealth, operated by the [Northeast Homeland Security Advisory Council](#) (NERAC) and the [Merrimack Valley Transit Authority](#) (MVTA).

The Central Mass Regional Planning Commission is the fiduciary agency for the CRHSAC.

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Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Completed