

CERT Minutes June 21, 2023

Attendance: Tom Briggie, Charlie Rizzo, Laura Freese, Ann King, Cathy Faggioni

The meeting started with the Pledge to the Flag at 10 AM

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

There was no financial report as Dan was out of town.

Old Business:

Everyone agreed that the drill was a success and that the people who came to observe the drill were very impressed. Everyone did what they were supposed to do. Tom reported there were a few complimentary comments sent by email of others listening in on HAM radio communications to EOC. One of the signs was missing. We believe by residents who probably did not know what they were for.

Cathy brought up the issue of possible doing drills on what to do if we come across certain situations regarding injuries or health issues. We know what to do with turncoats or open wounds that need to be packed or how to apply a splint but we are not all great when it comes to certain symptoms. Cathy suggested wearing laminated, brief, notes on certain signs of stress and what we should do. It was also discussed having Mary Lou, Mary and anyone with medical training on one of the radios so they could help give quick advice in a situation where we need the help. Laura recommended we use our drill scenarios to test the group on certain situations at each meeting. We all agreed it was a good idea and Tom will print out a set of scenarios to discuss at the July meeting.

It was mentioned that it was very important that everyone keep their radios on even if they have completed searching their area. We may need additional help elsewhere.

There was a discussion about the dead body scenario and the fact that we are not allowed to move a dead body as it could be a homicide. However because the body was in an area that was quickly flooding Tom spoke with our EOC contact and we were granted permission to move the body and create a morgue.

We had a discussion about where the triage center might be located. It was suggested that people could be brought or could come to the Activities Center. With one of the trailers full of medical supplies, it could also be brought to the person who is injured.

We will also welcome any volunteers who wish to help out. They are not CERT trained but there are numerous jobs that can be done by anyone willing to help such transport people, or take supplies to others, etc.

Tom stated that we could bring one of the trailers to the next drill for people to see how we use them as we will have others observe our operation.

Laura let us know that in the case of a power outage all doors and gates are open and do not require a FOB to enter

Tom discussed that we need more equipment for the radios and that we will make a list of what is needed. At the end of the drill Tom files an ICS-213 Situation Report with the Planning Chief.

Laura reminded us about the dates for the CERT breakfast: Jan 8th, Feb 12, Mar 11th & April 8.

Steve is waiting on Dan to return so they can both put the decals on the trailers. Dan has returned so this will probably happen soon.

New Business

Tom shared a presentation of photos with descriptions he put together showing the Trailer Estates CERT team. They will be put in presentation binders. We will make copies to have on display at our breakfasts and any other events where we have a sign-up and information table.

There was discussion about practicing radio protocols, ie: using the word "over" when you have finished speaking to someone so that they know you have finished your communication and using "Copy that" when you have heard what the person has to say. If nothing is said then we have to assume we were not heard. If we do not hear "over" then we may be missing part of the communication.

Tom requested everyone needs to give him the minutes and hours we work on anything for CERT. Tom reports these times to the EOC every month so we get credit.

Tom discussed helping out with movie night where we can also have a table with information and our sign-up list available to confirm any information we have and get more to sign permission slips.

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 AM and it was seconded by Ann.