



Burnet County Office Emergency Management



CERT General Meeting Virtual

January 13, 2022– 1900 Hours

Agenda

Call to Order: Mary Jane Shanes, Chair
Activities since last general meeting (October 14, 2021)

Minutes:
General Meeting – October 14, 2021

Financial Report: Mary Jane Shanes, Chair
Balance: \$867.22 (CERT-\$749.62, FMAG Grant -117.60)

Unfinished Business/New Business:
Welcome New Secretary
CERT Disaster Response Trailer

Officer's Reports –MJ Shanes, Chair, James Reimer, Vice-Chair, Amy Willeke Secretary, Brenda Conn, Membership, Vee Brown, Web Master, Robyn Richter, Training Officer

CERT Executive Staff Report –Jim Barho,EMC

Announcements/Adjourn
March 10, 2022 – Officer's Meeting
April 14, 2022- General Meeting

Training: Ready, Set, Go – Discussion on Go Bags – Robyn Richter



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Called to Order: 7:02 pm 18 in attendance

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October 14, 2021 general meeting minutes posted to website, approved as posted.

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Unfinished Business/New Business:

Thanked Deb and Jim Gallager for years of service and work for CERT, Welcomed New Secretary.

CERT Disaster Response Trailer- Frank and Jim will organize. Expect to move to (Burnet) Central Fire Station on 281. Secure and centralized location.

Officer's Reports

MJ Shanes, Chair - nothing new to report.

James Reimer, Vice-Chair - annual Skywarn program will be February 5, 2022, virtually, hosted by Troy Kimble and Bob Rose. That will be a Saturday morning 8:30 am - 12 pm. Will need to pre-register to get the link. Can Google the San Antonio National Weather Station - ewax to get the link. Then look for local programs to find SkyWarn. This will be a

basic and advanced SkyWarn. (Jim will set up an introductory SkyWarn and flood awareness class in March.) Discussion that members should take batteries out of flashlights, other devices in their CERT kits so that they won't corrode and replace so equipment works when needed.

Make sure current on ICS classes.

Amy Willeke Secretary, nothing to report.

Brenda Conn, Membership, reported 84 hours for members.

Vee Brown, Web Master, no report.

Robyn Richter, Training Officer - will cover in training portion.

CERT Executive Staff Report –Jim Barho, EMC - Vee and son spending lots of time re-writing website and have renewed GoDaddy account. Will show Jim changes soon.

Jim is helping Gilbert Bennett and Llano County establish CERT. We provided vests for them. We will provide backpacks upon graduation.

More discussion about Burnet Fire Chief Mark Ingram allowing CERT to move and store the trailers at the Central Fire Station.

Burnet Community Center and Baylor Scott and White have set up infusion centers for all of January. Jim has limited supplies but will help organizations, churches, etc., with masks, hand sanitizer, and some COVID tests.

James Reimer - Highland Lakes Amatuer Radio Club trailer is stored at Precinct 4 barn on 281. It is another communications source in addition to radios.

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Adjourned business meeting.

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When you have to leave or evacuate or are already out somewhere in your vehicle or away from home like the recent Colorado wildfires or the Virginia I-95 shutdown, think about what you need in your vehicle.

Burnet county road system is often one way in and one way out in various neighborhoods areas, so determine egress routes beforehand. Example the Summit Ridge fires and fires in Briggs. Flooding and fires biggest concerns in Burnet County. Most Burnet County fire departments are volunteer so slower response times as have to respond from work or wherever and gear up. Residents will only have 5-10 minutes to get out. Study in Travis County showed 65 percent of homes at risk of wildfire burning. Probably the same here.

Think of what you would grab and make a checklist if you are displaced for several days or house is destroyed, stranded in your car:

Documents

Pets

Medications

Blankets

Food

Water

Batteries

Flashlights

Alert type radio - hand crank type

Cellphone and back up chargers

Keep gas in car - don't let go below half a tank

Towels

Plastic bags

Pee cans, hygiene items

Repair items - air pumps, jumper cables, etc.

Functional shoes

Changes of clothes

Scan important documents to the cloud so accessible offsite
(or have Copies of birth certificates, passports, insurance docs, medication list in plastic bag, vaccination card, list of surgeries, etc. - could also put on a thumb drive)

Cash - credit card machines may not work

Pets - carrying cases, leashes, collars, (may not have access to equipment to scan microchips) Phone number should be on pet

Have an agreed upon meeting location if family gets separated and a person for all to check in with if can't communicate directly

Where do you go and what do you have with you if you are not at home when disaster strikes?

Situation awareness - what apps do you have to alert you to wildfires, floods, etc, road shutdowns – Warn Central Texas app

ICE app - in case of emergency

Apps with meds and allergies

Need redundancy - don't rely on just one thing.t

Think about what happens if everyone trying to flee disaster - i.e. Hurricane - everyone on road so traffic not moving, stranded on road, no hotels, no working gas stations or food, etc.

Thomas suggested “folio” App

Jim mentioned M lamps given at the general meeting

Ended 7:58 pm