

**CERT General Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 2013 @ Marble Falls Fire Station**

Called to order @ 7:00pm by Mary Jane

Minutes from Oct 2nd officer's meeting read by Donita. Motion to accept by Dan, all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

No one attended the CERT conference
Medical treatment class taught by Robyn focused on controlling bleeding.
Hill Country Space Expo on 10/12 – There were two astronauts there
HAM Radio Drill on 10/26 – Dan gave a special thanks to all who attended.
Jim Barho needs total volunteer hours for each event. These are being recorded by Debbie G

NEW BUSINESS

General Meeting dates for next year: 1/9/14, 4/10/14, 7/10/14, 10/9/2014, 1/8/15
Vacancies/volunteers – if anyone is interested and would like to help out, please let Mary Jane know.

Website – you don't have to be computer savvy to do this job.

EOC volunteers – web EOC, people to run errands (There are opportunities for as much or as little as people want to help)

Membership – “Be the voice of our CERT” You won't be alone. You will have help with this position.

Training – Dan said if anyone is interested in becoming a trainer, please let us know.

Teen CERT program development person – Help build this new program.

Communications – Mary Jane read the description of position. Jim B said we might be able to combine this position with the Community Outreach Liason if we don't have enough volunteers.

Jim B said we could have a class on the EOC if anyone is interested.

TRAINING REPORT by Jim Gallagher

The training schedule is out for next year. Jim G said an email will be sent out with the training dates in it.

Jim G requests instructors and instructor aides for the classes.

We will be having another medical class.

If you have an idea for a training class, please let us know.

Class #6 is 5/1/14 thru 6/26/14

Jim B requests having Gail Wood do the Concealed Handgun License Class

Send your training hours to Debbie G and she will log them and forward them to Jim B.

Next general meeting will be on Jan 9th, 2014

Jim G would like to have a vehicle rescue training class. He would like the class to include real crashed vehicles to train on cribbing, etc. Jim G said if you stopped at a vehicle accident, you would be stopping as a concerned citizen and not as a CERT member. There could be circumstances when a vehicle accident is due to an event that CERT has been deployed to such as a tornado or flood.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT by Teri Freitag

Jim B said we will keep training classes for CERT members only because of limited space

PIO (public information officer) – class was cancelled due to not enough students. This is a good class for anyone to take because anyone could be approached by the media during a disaster.

Teri will help anyone who would like to talk on the radio such as promoting CERT CERT.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT by Dan Posey

If you are not getting emails please let Dan know.

LOGISTICS REPORT by Jim Wreyford

Trailer is being used for training supplies. Some fire extinguishers are out being refilled.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joe Hernandez is not in attendance to give report

CERT EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORT by Jim Barho

Virginia Castillo with Burnet County 911 Addressing has created the map with the GIS System. It can be broke down by precinct or subdivision.

Teen CERT – Freedom Flyers will let us use their facility.

If you are interested in helping with the Teen CERT program, contact Dan or Jim G

Jim B is not able to get any more grants from CAPCOG

State Farm grant – Jim B applied for this. It is for \$11,680.00

Jim B would like to use the grant money to go towards the purchase of the steel storage building.

Exxon Mobil Grant – we have been approved to receive \$1000. we will receive this the during the first quarter of 2014

First Call – This is the new Emergency Notification System that Burnet County will be using. Unlike the old system, we can use this new system for training notifications, meetings, notices etc. It can call, text, email, Facebook, and Twitter messages. It sends out 500 calls a minute. You will need to register to receive messages. If you were registered with the old system, you will receive a message requesting you to verify your contact information

Quarterly Report – Jim B is required to produce a quarterly report that includes the number of volunteers, number of hours, names of the programs and training events.

Skywarn class – we will have one in February or March. This is a 2 hr class and will be on a Thursday

CPR Class – we will have two more in the spring time

Send all your ICS certificates to Jim B

Everyone needs ICS 100, 200, 700, 800

Jim B is trying to get together a 300 & 400 class.

The CERT Website will have two parts.

The Public Section

The CERT Member Section. This will be password protected

Website meeting will be on Nov 13 @ 10am

Shelter in Place training taught by Jim G will follow tonight after meeting adjourns

Meeting adjourned @ 8:19pm

Minutes taken and typed by Donita Whitecotton