

CERT QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 4th, 2013

Location: MFEMS Station

Minutes Taken by: Donita Whitecotton

Call to order @ 7:01pm

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from January 16th officer meeting read by Donita. All approved

Financial donations – Pat will ask HEB, Mary Jane will check with Burnet HEB. Mary Jane will write a letter for HEB & Home Depot. Pat requested a letter be sent in January when businesses do their budgets.

Crisis Leadership & Decision making course. Five members attended

CPR class #1 (2/26/2013) was a full class

Skywarn class: 70-75 attended

CPR class #2 (3/28/2013): 18 attended

NEW BUSINESS

Dan spoke about CERT Awareness Week:

Commissioners court resolution declared April 7th-13th CERT Awareness Week in Burnet County. One week a year will be dedicated to CERT Awareness

Dan hopes that wearing our CERT shirts & hats will prompt the public to ask what CERT is about when they see us

CERT trailer will be in the Bluebonnet Festival parade

This week was purposely picked because of the Festival since lots of people will be there.

For the parade & booth at the festival: 1 table on the square on Sat 4/13 from 1:30-3:30pm for non profit groups. We need volunteers.

We will be recruiting for the next CERT class at the festival

Jim G gave a training report:

CERT Training

The 5th CERT Class is scheduled to start May 2nd, 2013.

Only change: moving unit #3 medical to #4

Need volunteers for cribbing class on May 18th (Saturday). Six CERT grads will put on a cribbing demo before class instruction begins.

Volunteered: Dan P., Joe

Gilbert is busy with his company, but still will help when he is in town and available

Debbie Gallagher will keep track of the CE hours for members

CE classes ideas: cribbing, medical

Jim G requests members to email any ideas they have on CE classes

Triathlon Info:

Route from Johnson Park across bridge to Round Mountain, Spicewood, & back to Marble Falls. In Spicewood on the south side of SH 71, CERT will set up three locations. There will be a pop up tent, water, at each station. Members need to bring their own chairs and food.

Jim Barho requests three volunteers(2 CERT/1 ARES) at each station for two shifts. 6 CERT members/3 ARES needed for Sat April 27th.

Jim B read CERT purpose statement. The triathlon will make a donation to CERT for our volunteer services. We are helping with the triathlon as a favor to the City of Marble Falls for letting us use their facilities for training.

A meeting was currently going on at Marble Falls Fire Station to finalize times, location, and details, so we will learn more after that meeting.

CERT staging area will be at Spicewood Fire Station

PIO class:

May 23-24. Open to anyone. Up to 25 students. Free Class. Two full days from TEEEX. County sponsoring the class

CERT Class #5

Jim G. needs green shirts instruction assistants for class #5. Email Jim if you are available for any of the dates.

Jim B said there are 18 pre-enrolled students. We need 30.

We discussed the Teen CERT program. There is a large interest from students. School administration would have to support the program

NIMS:

Hand out of required NIMS classes. 100-200-700-800 are minimum standard. All except 300-400 are available online. Email Jim B copy of all your certificates.

CERT Refresher Training Recommendations:

Jim G requests that recommendations of refresher training. Some ideas: Bandaging & Splinting, Terminology, Radio protocol & HAM radios, medical review.

Jim G suggested that at every quarterly meeting, we have 15 minutes of some type of training.

TRAINING RECORDS

Debbie Gallagher will keep track of the volunteer training records. Sign in sheets are important. Jim B said the more volunteer hours we have, the more grants we can get.

If we speak to a group about CERT outside of a planned CERT event, report that time to Jim G/Debbie G.

Terri Freitag discussed that most people don't read the paper or listen to KBEY. She suggests a facebook page and said that social media works wonders.

Sharon Billac was not in attendance. Nothing to report on Communications

Logistics Report:

Jim B got the trailer with a grant

Stocked and organized the contents of the trailer

Trailer will be in the parade to advertise CERT

Four banners for tents & events

Matthew from Home Depot donated wrenches that can be used as prizes during an event like the bluebonnet festival.

Jim B will keep a list of who is qualified to pull the trailer.

Membership Report:

Joe Hernandez said we are still working with the city manager and will put another note in the Meadowlakes newspaper.

Jim B will compile a map of where all our graduates/members are.

CERT Executive Staff Report:

Jim B said there is \$0 left for the 2012 grant. All was spent

No money for 2013

Jim B will prepare a grant application for 2014

As a group we need to decide what we need (EX: portable generator, two steel storage cargo units to store cots, blankets, etc. \$4000 each. One could be placed in the North end and one in the South end of the county.

ID Badges: May not be ready by Bluebonnet Festival. Jim B working on it

CERT Website: \$20/month to have our own website that we maintain.

We can design the website. A link would be on the county website. Jim would like to use donation from triathlon to pay for the website.

Barb Bington makes a motion to approve the website, Joe 2nds, all approved.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:22pm