



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

January 9, 2019

MINUTES

310 W Spruce Street, Montesano
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Chair: Tammy Fairley

Co Chair: Thom Wescott

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Introductions:

Chris McCaughan - OS CERT

Tammy Fairley -OS CERT

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8

Mike Michener – Red Cross

Thom Wescott – OS CERT

Carmin McCullough – GHCDDEM

George Havrilak – K. of Columbus

Hannah Cleverly – GHCDDEM

Hannah Eison – QIN EM

Amy Bledsoe – E. County CERT

Nicklaus Falley – GHFD#7

David Bain – GHCH

Sherryl Jackson – NR CERT

Brianne Probasco – Public Health

James Nelson – Seabrook CERT

Carri Marks – citizen

REPORTS

Grays Harbor County CERT: Tammy Fairley

- ✓ Upcoming CERT Trainings:
 - a. January 2019 – Chehalis Tribe
 - b. February 2019 – Taholah & Queets
 - c. Heather Worley is in the process of setting up an Animals in Disaster Training
- ✓ The CERT 501c3 board officers and committee members held its quarterly meeting and made a decision to collect school supplies for homeless children as they only received 1 coat donation during their coat and blanket drive last year. George Havrilak, Knights of Columbus stated they can make a donation of new coats for the children. He requested the number of children by September or October at the latest.
- ✓ The CERT teams were put on active “Standby” during the heavy wind and rain events. All active members reported to their team leaders in a timely manner and stayed on standby for the duration of the storm.

East County CERT: Amy Bledsoe

- ✓ Reported they will have their first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 12th.

Knights of Columbus: George Havrilak

- ✓ George gave an overview of a letter that was written by a citizen of North Carolina who has been affected by hurricanes. He said the material in the letter has helped his local chapter in preparedness. The letter contained Food for Thought items like lessons learned, long term efforts, having a documented plan, an organization chart etc.

North River CERT: Sherryl Jackson

- ✓ Sherryl reported that she is active in both CERT as well as the Grange (community service and volunteer organization). She would like to see the 2 connect together as they are a small community and both groups retain the same people.

QIN Emergency Management: Hannah Eison

- ✓ In February they will have CERT Training. Currently there are 39 people signed up from Taholah and Queets. They are working on the development of teams for both areas.

GHFD #8: Stephanie Allestad

- ✓ GHFD #8 has met their goal and raised \$3,100 for the volunteer Fire Fighters that lost everything in “Camp Fire” wildfire in California.
- ✓ February 21st - 24th - Chocolate Festival at Pacific Beach. This year will be a syfy theme.

- ✓ April 13th - Moulage Mayhem Workshop. The 2nd half of the day will be an advanced training. The class is open to anyone and the cost is \$25.00.
- ✓ May 18th – Annual Mass Casualty Training. The focus will be on reunification.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Carmin McCullough

- ✓ Notified the group that I have been receiving notification from citizens who are struggling to program their All Hazard Alert Weather Radio. It has been approved in the next newsletter to list our CERT Teams along with email addresses for those who need help.
- ✓ Brianne Probasco had questions in regards to the next EOC/ECC training. Informed her that the next training will be held by Debbie Bostwick of WSEMD. She will go over new and updated information on Web EOC. In the future we hope to have advanced classes for those who have attended several trainings.

Red Cross: Mike Michener

- ✓ October 19th – Volunteer Fair from 11-2 at the Aberdeen Eagles. Currently Red Cross has signed up for the fair. There was a recommendation that CERT Teams as well as Fire Departments should register as well. The contact is Betsy Seidel she has affiliation with the Hoquiam Police Department.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital: David Bain

- ✓ January 26th will be the annual Health Fair. A flyer was handed out with a time of 10am-2pm at the Shoppes at Riverside. Red Cross and Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will host tables.
- ✓ The hospital has begun a speaker series of “Getting to Know Your Hospital”. They include different speakers who educate on understanding healthcare, what resources are available etc.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Hannah Cleverly

- ✓ January 30, 2019 - Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will test The Grays Harbor County Notification System.
- ✓ Hannah explained that there was a server problem over the weekend and storm notification emails sent out were delayed. It was requested that a notice be sent out explaining the delay so the community does not lose faith in this office.

Central County CERT: Thom Wescott

- ✓ Both Thom and Hannah informed everyone that in Los Angeles, CA they have rolled out the ShakeAlert program. It is an early warning system for earthquakes that would allow citizens to get in a safe spot prior to an earthquake. Washington State is currently working on the ShakeAlert program for our state as well.

Seabrook CERT: James Nelson

- ✓ Seabrook CERT will have a meeting this week. They currently are working on building up their connex as well as have Tsunami and Earthquake Training for the company.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETINGS IN 2019:

- ✓ Evening meetings for 2019 will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the following months March, June, September and December. 6:00pm at Grays Harbor County Emergency Management.

STORM DISCUSSION:

- ✓ CERT had good communication on standby
- ✓ GHFD #8 helped out with downed trees and worked with the State Patrol on numerous rollovers
- ✓ There was a liability questions with citizens moving trees off of roads

CERT DISCUSSION:

- ✓ There was discussion of CERT not being utilized as they should be. It has been requested that a flyer of all capabilities including traffic control etc. be put together.

- ✓ Mike Michener had an idea that the CERT members also take the Red Cross training and be cross trained as we currently only have one local Red Cross volunteer in Grays Harbor County.

TABLETOP EXERCISE:

- ✓ Discussion of a middle of the line disaster tabletop demonstrating how all groups work together. Another idea is to have a tabletop on the aftermath of a disaster. Request to bring ideas to the next meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **January 24th – EOC/ECC Training 10:00am – Grays Harbor County Emergency Management**
- ❖ **January 26th – GH Health Fair 10:00am-2:00pm – Shoppes at Riverside**
- ❖ **February 21st-24th – Chocolate Festival – Pacific Beach**
- ❖ **March 13th – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm - Grays Harbor County Emergency Management**
- ❖ **April 13th – Moulage Mayhem**
- ❖ **June 12th – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm – Grays Harbor County Emergency Management**
- ❖ **October 19th – Volunteer Fair – Aberdeen Eagles**

Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 9am GH County Emergency Management