



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

July 10, 2019

MINUTES

310 W Spruce Street, Montesano

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Chair: Thom Wescott

Co-Chair: Stephanie Allestad

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Introductions:

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8

Thom Wescott – CA CERT

Carmin McCullough- GHCDM

Hannah Eison – QIN EM

Brianne Probasco – GHCPH

Tim Simon - GHCH

Lance James – GH College

Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe

Eric Barre – Pacific Care

REPORTS

Grays Harbor College: Lance James

- ✓ Lance announced that the College will be holding a new CERT Class sometime in the fall as their team has been depleted due to retirements etc.

GHFD #8: Stephanie Allestad

- ✓ Stephanie reported that prior to the 4th of July, GHFD# 7, 8 & Ocean Shores FD met with WSP, State Parks, Sheriff’s Office and Ocean Shores Law Enforcement. Over 24 Park Rangers were brought in to assist and they were able to deliver a consistent message along the coast. They all worked well together and found there was a good attitude on the beach; less garbage and the GHFD#8 Pancake Breakfast had a great turnout.
- ✓ Stephanie reported they will host the NB Community Fair instead of National Night Out. The NB Fair is a fun family event and a place to showcase services available as well as educate the public on emergency preparedness.
- ✓ Stephanie gave a brief overview of the National Guard Workshop she attended at Seabrook. There were 17 points to look after a disaster hits. They were able to identify that the coast does not have some of the problems that other cities have therefore the National Guard will reassess their plans based on what was learned.

Chehalis Tribe: Cal Bray

- ✓ Cal is currently preparing a presentation for the History Museum in Seattle. He has been watching the earthquake event in California with the aftermath of broken pipes, ATM’s not working etc. He will focus his presentation on preparedness as we could experience the same situation in Washington State.
- ✓ August the Chehalis Tribe will be working on plan updates.

Public Health: Brianne Probasco

- ✓ Brianne reported that at the end of June she was able to wrap up Grant Funding as her position is paid with a grant through the Washington State Department of Health.
- ✓ Currently Public Health has been planning what they would like to see and accomplish within the next year. The All Hazards Plan for Public Health will be updated by the end of September 2019.

GHC DEM: Carmin McCullough

- ✓ Requested articles and ideas for the newsletter. Requested that CERT submit an article for each newsletter to inform our community of who they are and what they do.
- ✓ Reported that we have 4 AHAB Sirens that are not being observed and we are looking for volunteers. AHAB Siren locations will be sent to Thom Wescott and he will see if any CERT volunteers would be interested.

Central Area CERT: Thom Wescott

- ✓ CERT has an “Animals in 1st Aid” training coming up in Taholah. (more information can be found on the Grays Harbor County CERT website)
- ✓ The CERT Teams are currently working on a booth for the Emergency Preparedness EXPO.
- ✓ July 26th & 27th is the annual Citizen Corps EXPO in Renton, WA.

Quinault Emergency Management: Hannah Eison

- ✓ Hannah reported that the AHAB Siren for Queets has been delivered.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Preparedness EXPO: Saturday, October 5th – Shoppes at Riverside (formerly SS Mall)

- ✓ Lance James reported that the Grays Harbor College CERT Team will participate this year and they are hoping to showcase their evacuation chair. The goal of Grays Harbor College is to have an evacuation chair in each of their buildings. The Grays Harbor College CERT Team trains on the chair annually and has created a Safety Orientation Video. Lance will also contact the Disaster Site Workers as well as the Food Pantry at the College.
- ✓ It was decided that YES there will be a free raffle at the EXPO. GHC DEM will give away All Hazard Alert Weather Radios any other raffle donations are welcome.
- ✓ Advertisement: Carmin will post a Save the Date on the GHCDDEM website, Stephanie will look into having posters created that we can put out a month prior to the EXPO and Hannah has been volunteered to promote on Radio Shows.
- ✓ Other suggested vendors to invite are: Columbia Wellness, PAWS (1st Aid), Fish & Wildlife, Banks, Insurance Companies.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **Monday Evenings – Free Amateur Radio Classes – 6:00pm – Shoppes at Riverside**
- ❖ **September 10th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm - Assembly of God (Montesano)**
- ❖ **September 11th – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm – Grays Harbor County DEM**
- ❖ **November 5th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Moose Lodge #1210 (Montesano)**
- ❖ **October 5th – Emergency Preparedness EXPO – Shoppes at Riverside (formerly S. Shore Mall)**
- ❖ **October 19th – Volunteer Fair – Aberdeen Eagles**

Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, August 14, 2019 @ 9am GH County Emergency Management