



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

June 10, 2020

MINUTES

Via Go to Meeting

360-249-3911

Chair: Stephanie Allestad

Co-Chair: Mike Michener

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Introductions:

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD#8
Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe
Joe – McCleary Citizen

Mike Michener – Red Cross
Arick Burnett – Chehalis Tribe
April Heikkila – Public Health

Carmin McCullough – GHCDDEM
Julie Barnes – Fresenius

REPORTS

Chehalis Tribe Emergency Manager: Cal Bray & Arick Burnett

- ✓ Cal’s microphone was not working and Arick is new to his position. A report will be sent at a later date.

Red Cross: Mike Michener

- ✓ Mike reported that Red Cross has been busy despite being unable to meet face to face.
 - a. In Pierce County Red Cross has helped staff local food banks as the majority of current volunteers are at a vulnerable age.
 - b. Red Cross staff has received mental health training in regards to isolation etc.
- ✓ Red Cross has developed their own guidelines that are a little more conservative than the Washington State guidelines as many of their volunteers are at a vulnerable age.
- ✓ At the beginning of COVID-19 response in Grays Harbor, Mike had the opportunity to work with Stephanie Allestad in the EOC with the establishment of quarantine facilities. April Heikkila, Public Health confirmed that yes those sites have been used a couple times.
- ✓ It was reported that during a protest in Washington DC, a helicopter was flying around that had a red cross on it, The Red Cross does not own any helicopters. There has also been an issue of a few volunteers going to the protests wearing Red Cross gear. Red Cross volunteers have every right to attend a protest but it is not appropriate for them to wear their Red Cross attire.
- ✓ In Grays Harbor County Red Cross is in the process of recruiting volunteers and looking for Board Members to represent Grays Harbor County. They would like to see someone from law enforcement, fire fighters or bankers to volunteer on the board.

GHFD#8: Stephanie Allestad

- ✓ Stephanie along with Mike Michener reported that she had the opportunity to work in the EOC at the beginning of the COVID-19 response. She wanted to applaud the county for doing a great job with limited resources and staff.
- ✓ Last year GHFD#8 worked with the Washington State Parks in regards to the 4th of July Celebration along the coast including South Beach. Due to COVID-19 they have been unable to hold a meeting so the flyers will be the same. In Pacific Beach they had banners located at the beach approaches and provided garbage bags and dumpsters for visitor clean up.

GHCDDEM: Carmin McCullough

- ✓ Since Carmin has been working from home, Hannah Cleverly, Deputy Director or Emergency Management has given the task to review the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and make possible updates to the plan.

- ✓ Carmin had a conversation with Stephanie Allestad last week, it was decided to move forward and plan the EXPO. The planning process will begin after the meeting today.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 – 5th Annual Emergency Preparedness EXPO – scheduled for October 3rd

- ✓ The EXPO was held for a couple years at the Rotary Log Pavilion and last year it was moved to the Shoppes at Riverside (formerly South Shore Mall) as it had more room.
- ✓ It has been decided to plan for and hold the EXPO if we are in phase 4. With the EXPO being held at the Shoppes at Riverside we have room to spread the tables out and encourage each booth to provide hand sanitizer and frequently sterilize their station.
- ✓ Requested groups to invite are Ace Hardware, Dennis Company, Environmental and Public Health.
- ✓ Arick Burnett, from the Chehalis Tribe gave us tips they have learned in the re-opening of their casino that could be used to hold a phase 3 event. Limit to one entrance, could use volunteers to monitor doors and numbers and have stations that hold hand sanitizer, gloves and masks.
- ✓ A discussion took place in regards to our lack of funding for this group. Arick Burnett also informed the group that all tribes usually give away some funds quarterly. That could be an option for possible sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteer Opportunities

- ✓ Joe a citizen from McCleary is looking for some volunteer opportunities. Gave him the ghcdem email address.

Meet the Agency:

- ✓ Once Citizen Corps resumes to in house meetings we will continue the “Meet the Agency”.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **August 1st – North Beach Community Fair - TBD**
- ❖ **Week of September 21st - 2020 – WSEMA & LEPC Conference will be combined**
- ❖ **October 3rd – 5th Annual Emergency Preparedness EXPO**
- ❖ **October 5th-7th – Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference**
- ❖ **October 6th – National Night Out**
- ❖ **October 15th – The Great ShakeOut 10:15am**

Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, July 8, 2020 @ 9am
Currently scheduled for virtual Go to Meeting