



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

March 13, 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
Thom Wescott – OS CERT
Hannah Cleverly – GHCDDEM
Brienne Probasco – Public Health
Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe
Carol Coyle – citizen

Tammy Fairley -OS CERT
Carmin McCullough – GHCDDEM
Hannah Eison – QIN EM
Heather Worley – GH CERT
Christine Yeager – GH Civil Defense
Tim Simon – GHCH

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8
George Havrilak – K. of Columbus
David Bain – GHCH
Christina Breault – QIN CERT
Dan Lipich – GH Civil Defense
Brad Johansson - GHSO

REPORTS

Ocean Shores CERT: Tammy Fairley

- ✓ The Razor Clam Festival event planner has requested the Ocean Shores CERT Team report to active duty for the festival this weekend March 16th & 17th.
- ✓ Tammy and the Ocean Shores CERT Team has been asked to speak to a group for recruitment and explain what CERT is and how they could become involved.
- ✓ The IGA grocery store has scheduled 2 dates for the CERT Team to come out and set up an information table in their lobby.
- ✓ Per the interest of the Ocean Shores team they are working with the Police Chief and a liaison regarding parade help, traffic and crowd control.

North Beach CERT: Tammy Fairley

- ✓ North Beach CERT has added more personal GSMR radios and a Ham Radio Portable system for mobile HQ operations.
- ✓ North Beach CERT Team is ready for any drills or deployments.

Grays Harbor County CERT: Heather Worley

- ✓ Heather reported that Grays Harbor County CERT currently has 124 active members and 20 inactive members.
- ✓ Heather reported that the FEMA registration and update page had an update that caused a glitch and deleted all team info. The page has been fixed and now she is in the process of reloading team information so the Grays Harbor County Teams will show again in their system.

Knights of Columbus: George Havrilak

- ✓ George stated they have been looking at the lessons learned from the Paradise Fire. The counsel realized the Ocean Shores Team is just as unprepared and they will be pushing for formal training such as CERT etc.
- ✓ A refresher driving course for seniors will be offered March 20th & 21st from 1-5pm at St Jerome. There was a request for roundabout training at this driving course.
- ✓ A new alliance in Ocean Shores has been established to provide clothing etc. for kids at the beach. The Knights will contact this group and hope to partner with them.

Quinault CERT: Christina Breault

- ✓ Christina introduced herself as the Team Leader for the new Quinault Team. They had 21-23 members complete the training.

Chehalis Tribe: Cal Bray

- ✓ Cal reported that the Chehalis Tribe went through CERT Training and next month they will attend Firewise Training.
- ✓ Cal recently visited the Oregon Coast and the roads had bright blue lines that let travelers know they were leaving the Tsunami Zone. He also saw effects the Oregon Coast had from a large storm, road closures, power outages etc. His thought was imagine the effects that would take place from a large earthquake.
- ✓ Cal also recommended some lessons learned from the show The Pulse – episode When Disaster Strikes and on the Podcast – The Big One.

GHFD #8: Stephanie Allestad

- ✓ Moulage Mayhem will hold a Beginner and Advanced class on April 13th at GHFD #8 Fire Department. There will be a fee to cover travel expenses and supplies.
- ✓ Stephanie reported that 100's of rounds of ammo from WWII washed up on the beach during the annual Chocolate Festival. There was a lack of communication that took place and citizens were bringing the unstable ammo into the school, hotels etc. Rumors also took place as the ammo was being detonated on the beach at night.

GH Civil Defense: Dan Lipich & Chris Moody Yeager

- ✓ Dan and Chris both attended our meeting this month. They explained that the GH Civil Defense was founded in the 1950's and they recently are starting this group up again. Dan mentioned that he noticed that the people here in Grays Harbor are not prepared for anything. He really noticed this during our last snow storm as everyone was running for the store to stock up.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Carmin McCullough

- ✓ GHC DEM would like to see some local Public Service Announcements from our area. Does anyone have any ideas on how we should make this happen or how to engage the schools? A recommendation was to contact Rick Moyer who lined up the Police lip sync.
- ✓ A suggestion was made that Emergency Management or CERT go into the schools and educate like the Police and Fire Departments do. Ocean Shores CERT Team leader responded and they do go into the schools out in North Beach.

Quinault Indian Nation Emergency Manager: Hannah Eison

- ✓ Hannah reported that Quinault has a CERT Team trained.
- ✓ Hannah will hold a drill at the Queets Recreation Center with the kids teaching them what to do, where to go and wait for help to arrive. She will be planning the same drill for the children in Taholah as well.
- ✓ The tribe is currently in the process of obtaining an Alert System for notification to the tribe in Taholah.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital: David Bain

- ✓ David reported they had their Health Fair back in January. It was well attended with about 400 citizens.
- ✓ There has been a high census due to the flu – Reminder! Wash Your Hands
- ✓ The hospital is continuing their speaker series of “Getting to Know Your Hospital”. Their next speaker will be on March 20th “Environment in Healthcare”.

Central County CERT: Thom Wescott

- ✓ Thom reported that they have a unique team as half of their team is currently snow birding. Some members are currently taking the Ham Radio Course.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Hannah Cleverly

- ✓ Hannah gave an overview of the M9 final stakeholder meeting she attended at the UW. There was discussion of the science on the slippage and which way it would go, resilience of coastal communities and how do we bring the work done in our coastal communities. In the Seattle area building codes are in the process of being changed.
- ✓ GHC DEM is holding a free raffle this year. The names are being pulled from our notification list on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETINGS IN 2019:

- ✓ March 13th will be the first of the evening meetings held in 2019. Thom Wescott the Co-Chair will lead the 1st evening meeting at 6:00pm at Grays Harbor County Emergency Management.

COAD Discussion:

- ✓ There was discussion in regards to the COAD group. Is this something we want to pursue?

Citizen Academy:

- ✓ Hannah attended the Citizen Academy in East County which is a law enforcement group. Amy Bledsoe of East County CERT was in attendance and informed the group of the CERT Program in Grays Harbor County.

Tabletop Exercise:

- ✓ Discussion of a possible tabletop exercise to take place this fall. There was a suggestion to run the tabletop during the EXPO. A request was made to bring your suggestions of the objectives you want to see accomplished to the next meeting.

Emergency Preparedness EXPO:

- ✓ The group has tentatively set the expo day for October 5th.
- ✓ There was discussion of moving the EXPO to the Shoppes at Riverside (formerly South Shore Mall)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **Monday Evenings – Free Amateur Radio Classes – 6:00pm – Shoppes at Riverside**
- ❖ **March 13th – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm - Grays Harbor County DEM**
- ❖ **April 13th – Moulage Mayhem – 9:00am – GHFD#8 Pacific Beach**
- ❖ **April 18th – 20th – CERT Training – 9:00am – Ocean Shores Fire Department**
- ❖ **May 14th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-6:30pm – Montesano Presbyterian Church**
- ❖ **July 9th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Church of God (Montesano)**
- ❖ **September 10th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm - Assembly of God (Montesano)**
- ❖ **November 5th – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Moose Lodge #1210 (Montesano)**
- ❖ **June 12th – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm – Grays Harbor County DEM**
- ❖ **October 19th – Volunteer Fair – Aberdeen Eagles**

[Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, April 10, 2019 @ 9am GH County Emergency Management](#)