



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

March 11, 2020

MINUTES

310 W Spruce Street, Montesano

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Chair: Stephanie Allestad

Co-Chair: Mike Michener

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Introductions:

Thom Wescott – CA CERT

Ken Kaivo – Citizen

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8

Conny Garcia – Red Cross

Carmin McCullough GHCD

Mike Michener – Red Cross

Jerry Felton – GHCD

Christine Yeager – GHCD

Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe

Dan Lipich – GHCD

REPORTS

Chehalis Tribe Emergency Manager: Cal Bray

- ✓ Cal reported that the Region 10 Tribal Symposium has been postponed until next year.
- ✓ The Tribe has a Pandemic Plan and they are monitoring the situation

Grays Harbor Civil Defense (GHCD):

- ✓ GHCD has been working on bringing the DART Program to Grays Harbor County. GHCD will participate in a DART drill that will take place on Lake Washington April 21st to learn how the training works and what they would need locally.

Red Cross: Mike Michener & Conny Garcia

- ✓ Mike introduced Conny Garcia from the Red Cross. Currently with COVID-19 the Red Cross is working close with Public Health and Fire Departments. Plans are being developed county by county. Currently Pierce County is in the yellow. Grays Harbor, Thurston, Lewis and Mason counties are in the green.

Central Area CERT: Thom Wescott

- ✓ No Report

GHFD#8: Stephanie Allestad

- ✓ Stephanie reported the Chocolate Festival had their largest crowd on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They wondered where the people came from as the accommodations occupancy in Pacific Beach was only at 35-50%. They found that Ocean Shores had 4 pages of hotels under \$90 a night and had 70-90% occupancy.
- ✓ Stephanie reported that at the Washington Festival & Events Conference with the current events they will be adding additional classes as well as a panel for questions which will include Robert Ezelle, Director of WSEMD.
- ✓ Partners in Preparedness Conference are currently looking into canceling the event this year.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 EXPO

- ✓ Stephanie recommended that we announce raffle winners on the Citizen Corps and Emergency Management Facebook page as well as Twitter.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet the Agency: Red Cross, Mike Michener

- ✓ Mike Michener from the Red Cross gave an overview of what the Red Cross has to offer and what they are looking for. Some items Red Cross has to offer but is not limited to: 40% of the nation's blood supply, response to home fires, preparedness apps, international relief, service to the armed forces, classes in 1st aid, babysitting skills and water safety and more. Some items they are looking for are monetary donations, volunteers to join the Disaster Action Team (help with house fires), Disaster Health and Mental Health volunteers (must be licensed providers).
- ✓ Grays Harbor County currently has 4 volunteers and the ideal group would include 15-20 volunteers. FY2019 Grays Harbor had 72 smoke alarms installed and 30 house fires. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Red Cross they should contact Mike Michener at mike.michener@redcross.org or call (253) 778-6340.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ❖ **April 7th – 9th Partners in Preparedness Training & Conference – Lynnwood, WA**
- ❖ **April – Sound the Alarm in Montesano and South Beach**
- ❖ **September 2020 – WSEMA & LEPC Conference will be combined**

Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 9am
GH County Emergency Management