



## Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps

May 8, 2019

### MINUTES

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**Chair: Tammy Fairley**

**Co Chair: Thom Wescott**

**Secretary: Carmin McCullough**

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#### **Introductions:**

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8  
Hannah Eison – QIN EM  
Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe  
Hannah Cleverly – GHC DEM

Thom Wescott – CA CERT  
David Bain – GHCH  
Mike Michener – Red Cross

Carmin McCullough- GHCEM  
Brianna Probasco – GHCPH  
Jennifer Duran – GHFD#8

#### **REPORTS**

##### **Central Area CERT: Thom Wescott**

- ✓ A CERT Class was held last month and 4 new members were established. The next Basic CERT Class will be held in June.

##### **Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Hannah Cleverly**

- ✓ The Tsunami Roadshow just took place a couple weeks ago in both Ocean Shores and Aberdeen.
- ✓ Citizen Corps Group was notified that Tammy Fairley is stepping down as the Chair of Citizen Corps.
- ✓ All ECC Trainings are currently on hold as GHC DEM will look at how other counties operate their ECC Training. The goal is to restructure the training and expand.
- ✓ New Tsunami Walk Maps have been created for Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis. They can be found on the front page of the Grays Harbor County Emergency Management website.
- ✓ The Coastal Evacuation Workgroup took a break in April as the planning committee will be given an Evacuation Location presentation on May 17<sup>th</sup> by Major Brettman.
- ✓ The following jurisdictions have completed their Storm and Tsunami Ready applications and have been approved: Aberdeen, Ocean Shores, Quinault Indian Nation and Grays Harbor County Emergency Management.
- ✓ REG is adding an emergency siren to their facility. The siren resembles an AHAB siren and will be commissioned on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and will be tested several times throughout the day.
- ✓ The Governor's Office has given approval for 16 new AHAB Sirens. Bob Purdom from WSEMD will perform site evaluations for the new locations.

##### **Grays Harbor County Emergency Management: Carmin McCullough**

- ✓ A Defensive Driving Class will be offered in the near future for volunteer groups that are interested.
- ✓ We are looking into holding a Skywarn Spotter Training class in the fall.
- ✓ We have found that many of our schools especially the ones in the inundation area do not have All Hazard Alert Weather Radios or they no longer work. We are in the process of looking for a grant that could provide radios to all the schools that need them. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.

##### **QIN Emergency Management: Hannah Eison**

- ✓ Queets will have their AHAB Siren up and running either at the end of July or beginning of August.
- ✓ Hannah has established a site out of the inundation zone for the security and storage of all their emergency supplies.
- ✓ The Health Clinic will expand on the T Rex Zone and will drill on Thursday, May 9th

##### **Public Health: Brianna Probasco**

- ✓ GH Public Health recently participated in a state wide T Rex exercise. The exercise included the distribution of medical counter measures etc. GH Public Health benefited from Lessons Learned during this exercise.

#### **GHFD #8: Stephanie Allestad**

- ✓ Stephanie introduced Jennifer Duran who has been sworn into GHFD#8 where she will help with PIO responsibilities in their Department.
- ✓ Stephanie gave a brief overview of the “Partners in Emergency Preparedness” conference she attended. She was amazed by the topics that were offered. She had the opportunity to sit through a reunification class with Mary Schoenfeld and also brought back the benefits Boston found using CERT & MRC at events. Stephanie suggested that we should utilize our CERT & MRC teams at events and have medical tents etc.
- ✓ GHFD#8 is scheduled to hold a reunification exercise on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. A proposed clam dig is scheduled for that same day as well as an event at Seabrook. These 2 events may interfere with their participation and location, they may have to reschedule.

#### **Red Cross: Mike Michener**

- ✓ The American Red Cross will partner with Timberland Bank, Jodesha Broadcasting and City of Hoquiam for the “Sound the Alarm” program which will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Getasmokealarm.org is the website available for citizens to register for their free alarm and installation.

#### **Chehalis Tribe: Cal Bray**

- ✓ Cal announced that they are in the process of updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ✓ This last month there has been 5 spot fires along the train track between Grand Mound and Rochester.
- ✓ The Tribe will be holding a Benefit’s fair on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Information will be distributed to their attendees on simple things they can do to protect their homes from fire. They will also provide them with a check list of “Fire Preparedness”. Cal also gave an overview of the Firewise Training he attended and announced that the next training will be held in October of this year.

#### **Grays Harbor Community Hospital: David Bain**

- ✓ Grays Harbor Community Hospital is revamping their Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and Emergency Management plans based on information that was identified during their last accreditation survey.
- ✓ Grays Harbor Community Hospital will have their first meeting in June with Summit Pacific Medical Center and Long Term Care facilities regarding county surge plans and medical Coordination.

#### **Central Area CERT: Thom Wescott**

- ✓ Thom brought up to the group, with the recent resignation of the Chair, as the Co-Chair he will now move into the Chair position leaving the Co-Chair position open. The group has nominated and voted Stephanie Allestad into the position of Co-Chair for the remainder of the 2019 year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Emergency Preparedness EXPO:**

- ✓ Scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Shoppes at Riverside (formerly South Shore Mall)
- ✓ Currently confirmed volunteers are Emergent Stop the Bleed, Moulage Mayhem (mini moulage).
- ✓ Possible volunteers include Soup Ladies, Earthquake Simulator, MRC and Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium RDPC.
- ✓ A suggestion was made to reach out to SBRFA for Sparky the Dog and State Parks. Carmin has been given authorization to reach out to previous volunteers to host tables again this year.

- ✓ Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will see if it is ok for vendors to sell items as long as a disclaimer is on the flyer that we do not endorse any of the products.

***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

- ❖ **Monday Evenings – Free Amateur Radio Classes – 6:00pm – Shoppes at Riverside**
- ❖ **May 14<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-6:30pm – Montesano Presbyterian Church**
- ❖ **July 9<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Church of God (Montesano)**
- ❖ **September 10<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm - Assembly of God (Montesano)**
- ❖ **November 5<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Moose Lodge #1210 (Montesano)**
- ❖ **June 12<sup>th</sup> – Evening Citizen Corps Meeting – 6:00pm – Grays Harbor County DEM**
- ❖ **October 5<sup>th</sup> – Emergency Preparedness EXPO – Shoppes at Riverside (formerly S. Shore Mall)**
- ❖ **October 19<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Fair – Aberdeen Eagles**

**Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 9am GH County Emergency Management**