



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps**

**September 11, 2019**

**MINUTES**

310 W Spruce Street, Montesano

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**Chair: Thom Wescott**

**Co-Chair: Stephanie Allestad**

**Secretary: Carmin McCullough**

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**Introductions:**

Stephanie Allestad – GHFD #8  
Hannah Cleverly - GHCD  
Cal Bray – Chehalis Tribe  
Al Carter – Ocean Gold  
Kim Mask – WSEMD  
Dan Lipich - GHCD

Thom Wescott – CA CERT  
Brianna Probasco – GHCPH  
David Bain – GHCH  
Mike Michener – Red Cross  
Chris Yeager – GHCD

Carmin McCullough- GHCD  
Tim Simon - GHCH  
Lance James – GH College  
Susan Forsythe – WSEMD  
Randy Dutton – GHCD

**REPORTS**

**Central Area CERT: Thom Wescott**

- ✓ September 25-27<sup>TH</sup> - CERT Basic Class in Montesano
- ✓ November – CERT Basic Class at Grays Harbor College (open to the public)

**Grays Harbor Civil Defense: Randy Dutton**

- ✓ Randy expressed concerns that 68.7 % of our gas tanks are located in the inundation zone. He would like to see building codes changed to where the tanks would be retrofitted with back flow preventers a \$100 part. A further discussion took place within the group that replacing a \$100 part is not that simple or cheap have to take into consideration the permitting, hiring out contractors etc. Other points brought up is to think about the big picture and think about infrastructure, roads and bridges may not be passable, if there is no power how will you pump the fuel out, how will people pay, people do not act rationally etc.
- ✓ A question came up in regards to the legal requirements for Grays Harbor Civil Defense to become Emergency Workers.

**Grays Harbor Public Health: Brianna Probasco**

- ✓ Brianna reported that Dan Homchick resigned from his position. He had been taking the lead on getting the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) back up and going. Public Health is now trying to reorganize and work on what next steps they will take to move forward.

**Chehalis Tribe: Cal Bray**

- ✓ Cal had the opportunity to sit in on the Homeland Security Region 3 interviews to replace Jesi Chapin the former HSR3 Training & Coordinator.
- ✓ Current updates on the Chehalis Tribe:
  1. Hosted a Back to School event that had a great turnout.
  2. Preparing for the Annual Meeting in November and elections.
  3. Chehalis Tribe will host a table at the Emergency Preparedness EXPO.

**Grays Harbor College: Lance James**

- ✓ Lance reported they had applied for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant with the hope they will be awarded to add a new generator.
- ✓ GHC received a grant from the tribes to rewire the 700 building as a backup ECC for the City of Aberdeen.
- ✓ Grays Harbor College will be participating in the EXPO and will demo their Evac chair.

**Grays Harbor Community Hospital: David Bain**

- ✓ The hospital is planning a decon drill within the next couple of months.
- ✓ It was also reported they will participate in the Emergency Preparedness EXPO and will bring their decon tent.

**Washington State Emergency Management Division (WSEMD): Susan Forsythe**

- ✓ Susan reported they will be participating in the Emergency Preparedness EXPO.
- ✓ HAZWOPER Trainings available are on September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> in Toppenish, WA and on October 21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> in Nespelam.

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

- ✓ Grays Harbor County Emergency Management along with Dan in GIS went out to map and evaluate the Tsunami Signs in Grays Harbor County. It was discovered that the signs are difficult to see. Discussions are also taking place at the state as to how we can make the signs more visible and are they information signs or safety signs which could change the color.
- ✓ Another project that has taken place is the assessment of the current assembly areas with the new modeling from DNR.

**GHFD #8: Stephanie Allestad**

- ✓ Stephanie reported that GHFD #8 has a signed MOU for the North Beach CERT container. They are also working on establishing an MOU with their local radio station for Emergency Broadcast and are also looking into moving them to a safer area out of the inundation zone.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Emergency Preparedness EXPO: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Shoppes at Riverside (formerly SS Mall)**

✓ **Advertisement**

1. Discussion took place in regards to the EXPO. We currently have an estimate of about 37 vendors, 5 mascots and several Emergency Response Vehicles. A layout of the mall will be sent out prior to the end of next week. Everyone will be assigned a number and the numbers will be marked on the floor.
2. There was a request for everyone to help with the advertisement. Please hang flyers, post on social media etc.
3. A recommendation made is to have students from video production classes around the Harbor make a video at the EXPO and the Winner would receive a letter of endorsement from Hannah.

***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

- ❖ **Monday Evenings – Free Amateur Radio Classes – 6:00pm – Shoppes at Riverside**
- ❖ **October 5<sup>th</sup> – Emergency Preparedness EXPO – Shoppes at Riverside (formerly S. Shore Mall)**
- ❖ **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:17am – The Great ShakeOut (things to remember: sign up, AHAB will have the wail sound and GHCDM will test their Notification System that day)**
- ❖ **October 19<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Fair – Aberdeen Eagles**
- ❖ **November 5<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 1:30-7:00pm – Moose Lodge #1210 (Montesano)**

**Next Regular Meeting- Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 @ 9am GH County Emergency Management**