

CERT Team Meeting
Thursday March 22, 2012 – 6:30pm
Public Safety Building

▪ Bob Rhode opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Attendees were asked to sit in groups according to Teams. Attendees were then divided into sub-groups of 3-4 to participate in a team building exercise.

▪The minutes from the February 2, 2012 were distributed previously and copies were available for the attendees.

- **Training Scheduled for 2012**

1. Saturday 14 April 2012 0900 hours through 1530 hours National Weather Service Wakefield Storm Spotter Basic Class in the morning and Advance Class in the afternoon; space is still available. Contact Carol Boyles if interested or if you are interested in transportation from the PSB. We currently have 25 persons registered. This will be promoted through local media.
2. Saturday 21 April 2012 0800-1400 hours Maryland MDOT/CHART (Coordinated Highways Action Response Team) Traffic Management for Events/Incidents. This event will be held rain or shine and is expected to last 3.5 – 4 hours. Participants will also include those from Wicomico and Worcester. Please contact Carol Boyles if you would like to sign up.
3. RACES Radio presentation from Wicomico County Emergency Services May meeting.

- **CERT Team members contact information with updates:**

1. Changes of address, email or phone please contact Carol Boyles to update 410.723.6616 (Email: cboyles@oceancitymd.gov). Please provide your individual contact info to your respective team leader(s).

- **Identification Cards for Ocean City CERT Members:**

City Hall normal operations at the front desk

- **Meetings for CERT Team members:**

1. Meetings scheduled for 2012:
 - Thursday 24 May 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
 - Thursday 12 July 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
 - Thursday 13 September 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
 - Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)

- **New CERT Training and FEMA/Maryland Updates for CERT programs:**
 1. Spring CERT Training 2012 will begin on Thursday 5 April 2012 at 6:45 PM. Press release has been issued this week in order to boost attendance. Only 3 people have signed up so far.
 2. CERT Instructor Training Class will be scheduled for fall 2012. Any members interested in this training are welcome to assist with the spring 2012 basic CERT. Bob Rhode gave an overview of FEMA Class he attended earlier this week.

- **New OC-CERT Team Equipment Package**
 - Back Packs and Vest
 - Helmet Headlamps
 - 4 in 1 Emergency Tools
 - Compasses
 - Some additional items are being considered (turbo splint) as well as possible items being donated by local agencies.

- **Community Preparedness Events and Exercises:**
 1. An Emergency Operations Center Exercise will be held Thursday 12 April 2012 0830 hours through 1530 hours. We need 4 CERT Team Personnel for the day. Anyone interested please contact Carol Boyles to sign up.
 2. There will be an Inter-operability Communications Exercise Tuesday 1 May 2012 at Winter Place Park in Salisbury. We need six Cert Personnel to assist with Administrative Functions, Logistics and Traffic Control. Anyone interested please contact Carol Boyles to sign up.
 3. There will be Tabletop exercises for the Town of Ocean City on Tuesday 3 April, 10 April and 17 April 2012. An exercise will be held from 0800-1000 hours and repeated from 1415-1615 hours each day. CERT Team personnel are invited to attend with a limit of two per exercise. Please contact Carol Boyles to sign up.
 4. Spring Fest 2012 Thursday 3 May 2012 through Sunday 6 May 2012. Contact Carol Boyles to sign up for a shift.

- **Future Events and Exercises:**

(Sign up information will be supplied at a later date and the event/exercise gets closer)

 1. Ocean City Air Show 2012 Friday 8 June 2012 through Sunday 10 June 2012.
 2. Maryland Firefighter Parade Wednesday 20 June 2012
 3. Ocean City 4th of July Fireworks Wednesday 4 July 2012

4. Ocean City Mountain DEW Tour Wednesday 15 August through Sunday 19 August 2012.
5. Ocean City East Coast Bike Fest Thursday 13 September through 16 September 2012.
6. Sunfest 2012 Thursday 20 September through Sunday 23 September 2012.

Note: Please contact Carol Boyles at 410.723.6616 or Email: cboyles@oceancitymd.gov when posted for sign up.

- **Open Forum Discussion:**

- Four CERT Team Members have volunteered to participate in the By-Laws Committee: Bob Paroda, Karen Burton, Pamela Sanders and Pamela Ruarke. It was suggested that an update on this be presented at the May or September meeting.
 - Carol Boyles will be on vacation March 29 – April 3. Please contact Bob Rhode in her absence.
 - Off shore power boat races have now been approved for May 13.
 - Relevant to any future page/text messages sent out – reminder that any instructions given must be followed explicitly.
 - Emergency Services has acquired a trailer from the Wastewater Department. This will be lettered appropriately and used to store CERT equipment.
 - Discussion of Red Cross involvement which has decreased for various activities. This in part led to cancellation of upcoming Sheltering Exercise. CERT Team Members may be asked to participate in lieu of Red Cross Volunteers.
 - Student relocations during Hurricane Irene were successful. Director Theobald will be speaking on this subject during the National Hurricane Conference next week in Orlando.
 - Consideration being given to changing the color of CERT vests. Prices for T-Shirts are being reviewed.
- Exercises included review of the Emergency Response Guide (ERG) and lessons on tying various knots.
 - On behalf of Director Theobald, Bob thanked everyone for their interest and participation in the CERT Team activities.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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