

CERT Team Meeting  
Thursday May 24, 2012 – 6:30pm  
Public Safety Building/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room

▪ Bob Rhode opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. It was noted that the Team Leaders met prior to the meeting. Two persons who just completed the CERT Spring Class were introduced as new CERT Team Members. A third person has also signed up but was unable to attend.

▪The minutes from the March 22, 2012 were distributed previously and copies were available for the attendees.

Bill Nutter and JC Taylor, Wicomico County Emergency Services/RACES gave a presentation on ham radios and operators in conjunction with Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Services (RACES). This detailed their role in providing an additional mode of communication during specific events, such as severe weather and other emergent situations.

- **Website:** A link for **CERT Team** Information is now available on the Town of Ocean City website through the Emergency Services home page. Direct link is: [http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency\\_Management/cert-team.html](http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/cert-team.html)  
The site is being developed and more information will be added as available.
- **Training Scheduled for 2012**
  1. Saturday 25 August 2012 0900 hours at the Ocean City Airport Terminal Building Maryland State Police Helicopter
  2. Saturday 29 September 2012 0800 hours 2<sup>nd</sup> floor training room Public Safety Building with Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Compass use and map reading.
  3. Saturday 1 December 2012 0800 hours 2<sup>nd</sup> floor training room Maryland Park Service with Animals in Disasters.
- **CERT Team members contact information with updates:**
  1. Changes of address, email or phone please contact Carol Boyles to update 410.723.6616 (e-mail: [cboyles@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:cboyles@oceancitymd.gov)).
  2. Personal contact info is to be given directly to the Team Leader(s).
  3. Report of meeting with Team Leaders held at 6:00pm. The CERT Team configurations will be revised to mirror National Standards rank structure (i.e. Captain and Lieutenant). The four teams will be re-organized; copies will be available on website, *when finalized*.
- **Identification Cards for Ocean City CERT Members:**

City Hall normal operations at the front desk. Your ID should be worn during an event for security purposes, admittance to event site and to use OC bus service free of charge during the event.

- **Meetings for CERT Team members:**
  1. Thursday 12 July 2012 at 1800 hours (6:00 p.m.)
    - Presentation on the impact to the Delmarva Peninsula from the '62 Storm.
  2. Thursday 13 September 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
    - US Coast Guard Station 600 S. Philadelphia Avenue overview of Coast Guard Operations and tour of facility and vessels.
  3. Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
    - Training to be announced
  
- **New CERT Training and FEMA/Maryland Updates for CERT programs:**
  1. CERT Instructor Training Class will be scheduled for fall 2012. Any members interested in this training please let Carol Boyles know.
  
- **New OC-CERT Team Equipment Package**  
Prices on various items have been reviewed. Items will be ordered.
  
- **Community Preparedness Events and Exercises:**  
*Thanks to the CERT Team Members who participated in the following events:*
  1. Emergency Operations Center Exercise held Thursday 12 April 2012.
  2. Inter-operability Communications Exercise Tuesday 1 May 2012 at Winter Place Park in Salisbury.
  3. Tabletop exercises for the Town of Ocean City on Tuesday 3 April, 10 April and 17 April 2012.
  4. Springfest 2012 Thursday 3 May 2012 through Sunday 6 May 2012.
  
- **Future Events and Exercises:**  
*(Sign up information will be supplied at a later date closer to the event/exercise)*
  1. Ocean City Air Show 2012 Friday 8 June 2012 through Sunday 10 June 2012. Review of Air Show: Red Cross will be manning a cooling station (mist/water/ice). EMS coverage has been reduced. Soccer event will be held on the beach between N.Division and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets. CERT Team members will be stationed at OC1 to assist with Operations and Logistics. Lynnhaven Baptist Church will be preparing lunches for personnel on duty.
  2. Maryland Firefighter Parade Wednesday 20 June 2012 New parade route this year – from 15<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Streets on Baltimore Ave. Four CERT Team Members are requested to assist.
  3. Ocean City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Wednesday 4 July 2012 Four CERT Team Members are requested to assist.
  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 e-mail: [cboyles@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:cboyles@oceancitymd.gov) **when posted for sign up.**

- **Training Sessions being scheduled for fall 2012:**
  1. Radio operational procedures
  2. Point of Distribution procedures (PODS)
  
- **Open Forum Discussion:**
  - New Emergency Response Guides are not yet available.
  - CPR Class scheduled for Wednesday May 30 6pm at OCVFC HQ's.
  - Fall CERT Class will include CPR Training for those who need to recertify.
  - Red Cross no longer offers First Aid refresher training.

▪ The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The Bylaws Committee met following this meeting until 9:20 pm. In addition to Bob Rhode and Carol Boyles, Committee members attending were Pam Saunders, Pam Ruarke (Co-Chairmen), Ryan Lewis, Harry How, and Bob Paroda. Samples of CERT Team Bylaws were provided by Bob Rhode. Various aspects of Bylaws and their purpose/effect and role as guidelines were discussed. A sample set of Bylaws will be drafted for review at the next CERT Team meeting on July 12.

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