

CERT Team Meeting  
Thursday July 12, 2012 – 6:00pm  
Public Safety Building/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room

The evening started with dinner, provided by Emergency Services. A presentation about the Impact of the '62 Storm on the Delmarva Peninsula was given by Wendy Carey, Delaware Sea Grant College Program, University of Delaware - Lewes, DE. (Thanks to Frank Hunt for originally suggesting this).

- Bob Rhode opened the business meeting at 8:15 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.
- The minutes from the May 24, 2012 were approved with a motion by Mary Ann Lemay and a second by Bob Paroda.

- **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 1100 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.
- **Meetings for CERT Team members:**
  1. 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. Business meeting will follow.
  2. 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. Additional information will be forthcoming. Classes tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evenings and will be done in-house, at no cost.
- **New OC-CERT Team Equipment Package:**  
Orders have not yet been processed.

- **By-Laws Committee:**

Copies of the proposed Bylaws were distributed for review. CERT Members are asked to review and a vote will be taken at the September 13 meeting. Any comments, etc. are to be forwarded to Carol Boyles. Clarification was requested concerning liability issues for CERT Members being covered under Town of Ocean City insurance when acting in an official capacity at the Town's request. According to the Town's Risk Manager, Eric Lagstrom . . ."Because we are basically self insured, liability coverage applies. As far as workers compensation injury – yes they are covered under the MD statute as an employee".

- **Community Preparedness Events and Exercises:**

*Thank you to the CERT Team Members who participated in the following events:*

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

- **Future Events and Exercises:**

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

1. Ocean City Mountain DEW Tour Wednesday 15 August through Sunday 19 August 2012. Sign up with Carol Boyles now available.
2. Ocean City East Coast Bike Fest Thursday 13 September through 16 September 2012.
3. Sunfest 2012 Thursday 20 September through Sunday 23 September 2012.
4. Possible involvement with "Punkin' Chunkin".

Bob Rhode reported that, at one point during the prior heat wave, the State of Maryland had requested the assistance of any available State CERT Members to aid with cooling stations, door-to-door inspections, etc. It was decided that our CERT Members remain in the area in case of assistance needed locally. Another factor in this decision was that there were no provisions for lodging, expenses, etc.

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:**

▫Future presentation will be given by Jim Smith, Delmarva Power.

- New CERT Team Members were introduced. They were asked to provide contact info to Team Leader. ID's are done at City Hall.
- Strike Team List has been revised.
- Group name will change to OC CERT after Bylaws are approved.
- Volunteer hours are recorded and recognition can impact reimbursement of funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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