

OC CERT Meeting
Thursday July 25, 2013
Public Safety Building 2nd Floor Training Room

Meeting called to order by Bob Rhode (approximately 6:30pm). Attendance per sign in sheets.

- Review and approval of minutes from prior meeting (23 May 2013). Minutes will be posted on the website.

New Business from prior meeting:

- CERT Basic classes will start August 28 in Somerset County; approximately 25 – 50 persons have expressed interest.
- Visit to Channel 47 and/or WBOC Delmarva Life will be discussed at a later date.
- Training on the Red Cross Trailer will be held in the fall.

- **Website Reminder:** A link for **CERT Team** Information available on the Town of Ocean City website through the Emergency Services home page. The direct link is: http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/cert-team.html. Mike Sevier has volunteered to help sort out all the photographs of OC CERT activities. Bob Rhode will coordinate this project with him.

- **Old Business:**

- Points-of-Distribution (POD's) Training at Sussex County Tuesday 11 June classroom and Thursday 20 June 2013 practical was held. Ocean City had seven personnel in attendance with six from OC-CERT.
- Air Show Saturday 8 June – Sunday 9 June 2013 two days only due to rain on Friday with OC-CERT personnel covering all the requested shifts. Water and meals were delivered with no issues. Thank you to all.
- DEW Tour – Wednesday June 19 – Sunday June 23 2013. Thank you to all that worked. (Gift bags from DEW Tour Officials are available for those Volunteers who assisted).
- Complete and return your background check forms. Failure to do so will result in individuals being dropped from the Membership Roster.

- **New Business:**

- Distribution of T- Shirts.
- The Town received over \$70,000 in grant monies from the State in part for recognition of the Town's attendance at the EMI Training in February 2013. Resources were purchased (monitors, TV's, Tough Books, computer programs) to update the EOC.

- Monies have been allocated to upgrade the kitchen facilities at the PSB.
 - Predictions have been made for an extreme hurricane season.
 - Reminder that if evacuation orders are issued that all Volunteers are to comply.
- **Events and Exercises:**
 - Saturday 27 July 2013 Preparedness Day Home Depot in Berlin for Hurricane Season from 1000 through 1400 hours.
 - Friday 16 August 2013 Preparedness Night at the Shorebirds from 1730 hours through the 7th inning.
 - Ocean City Town Exercises Continuity of Operations Plans Training Tuesday 20 August and Wednesday 21 August 2013. Four sessions will be conducted in two days with the morning 0800-1200 hours and the afternoon 1230-1630 hours each day at the 2nd floor Training Room of the Public Safety Building.
 - Town of Ocean City Hazardous Materials Tabletop Exercise will be held Tuesday 10 September 2013 at Public Safety Building.
 - Sunfest 2013 Thursday 19 September 2013 through Sunday 22 September 2013.
 - Fall Preparedness Day Berlin Home Depot Saturday 5 October 2013 time to be announced. This is in connection with Fire Prevention Week.
 - **Open Forum Discussion:**
 - OC CERT Members' recognition is set for Tuesday September 3, 2013 at the Mayor & City Council Meeting at City Hall. Also on the agenda will be the Proclamation for National Preparedness Month.
 - For those persons interested, ICS training is available on-line at FEMA.gov. Courses are self-paced; suggestion to download test and review prior to taking the test. ICS 300 and ICS 400 levels are not recommended for OC CERT Members, as they are accelerated, in-depth classes.

OC-CERT Meetings/Training for 2013:

1. Quarterly Planning Meeting Thursday 5 September 2013 at 1845 at the PSB. Goal is to develop a Strategic Plan for OC CERT. Teams will be "taking over" for meetings, etc. at the beginning of 2014.
2. Wednesday 18 September 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Team 4.
3. CERT Basic class will begin Thursday 26 September 2013 at 1845 hours at the Public Safety Building.(CPR Refresher Class scheduled for October 10 – pre-registration is required).
4. Thursday 21 November 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Emergency Services.

Tentative: •First Aid/Refresher Class on a Saturday with Worcester County Planner Tom Kane.

•Assisting Sussex County with “Punkin Chunkin” in November.

- **Saturday training sessions being scheduled for Fall 2013:**

1. Saturday 23 November 2013 0800-1200 hours at the PSB (topic to be announced).

- **Training to consider for future dates:**

1. CERT Animal Response II
2. Compass reading practical exercises
3. First Aid Training Course
4. Training with American Red Cross for Shelter Trailer
5. Training with the Civil Air Patrol

Presentation: Maryland Emergency Management Agency by Regional Representative Ed Werkheiser. Discussion concerning preparedness and the operations of the State facility/organization. “A prepared Marylander creates a resilient Maryland”. Thanks to Mr. Werkheiser and to Team 3 for arranging this presentation.

Closing: Thanks to all for attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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