

CERT Team Meeting
Thursday September 13, 2012 – 6:30pm
Ocean City USCG Station – 600 S. Philadelphia Avenue

The evening started with an overview and tour of the Coast Guard Station.

• Bob Rhode opened the business meeting at 7:30 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

- **CAD Messaging:**

Message was sent out when exercise at the Airport was cancelled due to the weather though some messages did not go through. This is being reviewed by the Communications Division Manager and the data base is being checked. An option to send e-mail messages as well as text messages may be added. A test message will sent once the changes are made. Everyone is reminded to follow the instructions on the message.

- **Website:** A link for **CERT Team** Information 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

Information on this site is kept current and up to date.

Contact Carol Boyles if you have info you would like added.

- **Training Scheduled for 2012**

1. Saturday 25 August 2012 1100 hours at the Ocean City Airport Terminal Building Maryland State Police Helicopter. *Cancelled due to weather.*
2. Saturday 29 September 2012 0800 hours 2nd floor training room Public Safety Building Compass Use and Map Reading. Register with Carol Boyles.
3. Saturday 1 December 2012 0800 hours 2nd floor training room Maryland Park Service with Animals in Disasters.

- **Meetings for CERT Team members:**

1. 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 begin Wednesday October 3, 2012. Classes tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evenings and will be done in-house, at no cost. Contact Carol Boyles to register.

- **New OC-CERT Team Equipment Package:**

Purchase orders have been obtained. Order is being processed for 40 kits.

Sample kit was on display. Members were asked to try on safety vest for sizing.

- **By-Laws Committee:**
Motion made by Harry How and seconded by Bill Lubeck to accept the proposed By-Laws. Vote was unanimous. By-Laws will be given to Director Theobald for his review and to City Solicitor Ayres for final approval. Anticipated date of implementation is January 1, 2013. The purpose of having By-Laws is to give ownership to the group and to become more self sufficient. The name will change officially to “OC CERT”.

- **Community Preparedness Events and Exercises:**
Thank you to the CERT Team Members who participated in the following events:
 1. Ocean City Mountain DEW Tour Wednesday 15 August through Sunday 19 August 2012. DEW Tour is tentatively scheduled to return June 2013.

- **Future Events and Exercises:**
 1. Ocean City East Coast Bike Fest Thursday 13 September through 16 September 2012.
 2. Sunfest 2012 Thursday 20 September through Sunday 23 September 2012. Note: OC 1 will not be on-site Thursday. Bob Rhode will not be on-site Sunday.
 3. Worcester County is sponsoring a Regional Preparedness Day Saturday October 6 for 3 hours at the Berlin Home Depot/WalMart area. Bob Rhode will be taking the Emergency Services van and distributing literature. This is not an actual exercise/event for CERT Members, but everyone is welcomed to stop by.

Note: Please contact Carol Boyles at 410.723.6616 or e-mail: cboyles@oceancitymd.gov when posted for sign up, as applicable.

- **Tentative Upcoming Training Sessions:**
 1. Radio operational procedures
 2. Point of Distribution Procedures (PODS)

- **Open Forum Discussion:**
 - No update has been received on the “Punkin Chunkin” event.
 - Hats are in stock and will be distributed with the backpacks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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