

**OC CERT Meeting**  
**Saturday December 1, 2012 – 8am – 12 Noon**  
**Public Safety Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room**

Bob Rhode called the meeting called to order at 8:10 am and thanked everyone for their attendance. Review and approval of minutes from prior meeting (13 Sept 2012).

There have been several failures due to the storm and CAD Messages are being reconfigured by the IT Department. Data base will be incorporated into a new e-mail group to send out text messages. At some point, a test message will be sent out. Everyone is reminded to follow the exact instructions on these alerts.

- **Website Reminder:** A link for **CERT Team** Information is now 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](http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/cert-team.html)  
Note: photos of various OC CERT activities have been submitted for review, but have not yet been posted to the website.

Thanks and discussion on the response and recovery efforts of the OC-CERT during operations for Hurricane Sandy. This was the longest period of time that the EOC was set up – pre and post storm. Volunteer OC CERT presence was noted by Town officials.

Deployment to Crisfield on the first day was done without much notice. Persons went door to door and distributed supplies. Personnel who assisted gained a first hand knowledge of the aftermath of the storm. Since landmarks can be damaged, some properties were difficult to find. It was recommended that the Town purchase GPS equipment for future use.

An After Action Meeting for Somerset County storm related issues is scheduled for Tuesday December 18.

It was noted that assistance must be requested from the State before any deployment can be enacted. As to OC CERT, only registered members of this group are covered under the umbrella of the Town for liability issues and approved to officially participate in these events.

- **Training**  
Presentation and discussion on Ham Radio Technician License testing, as scheduled by Frank Hunt, by Wilson Merchant, Asst. Radio Officer for Sussex County. It is anticipated a class will be scheduled in January to be held in Bethany Beach. The Town of Ocean City will

provide textbooks for those OC CERT Members interested in taking the class. More information will be disseminated, when available.

- **Meetings for CERT Team members:**
  - Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 1830 hours (6:30 p.m.)
    - Cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy
- **CERT Training and FEMA/Maryland Updates for CERTprograms:**
  1. CERT Instructor Training Class began Wednesday 3 October 2012 and despite the interruption of Hurricane Sandy the class will be completed on Wednesday 19 December 2012 with 8 CERT Trainers with 6 of them from OC-CERT.
  2. CERT Basic Class began on Thursday 27 September 2012 and was also interrupted by Hurricane Sandy. Class will be completed by Saturday 8 December 2012.
- **OC-CERT Team Equipment Package:** The initial order of 40 backpacks has been received and they will be distributed to those persons on the 1st round of recipients. Additional backpacks will be ordered when funds become available.
- **By-Laws Committee – Approved and will go into effect 1 January 2013.**
- **Future Events and Exercises:**

Mayor's Open House at City Hall Tuesday 1 January 2013 1-3 pm.  
(OC-1 will be on-site. 6 Volunteers are needed. Contact Carol Boyles)
- **Open Forum Discussion:**

Per Sally Crawford, the Salvation Army is in need of volunteers as bell ringers. Please call Peg at 410-749-RING if you are interested. It has been approved by Director Theobald that Members can participate on behalf of OC CERT.

Strike Team list has been revised. Copies were distributed; updated list is also posted on the website.

Sad news that Mr. John Rossi passed away. Condolences will be sent to his widow, Linda.

Some of the persons shown on the Strike Team Listing, are unable to participate in OC CERT activities, for various reasons, but request that they remain on the list and receive correspondence, etc.

- **OC-CERT Meetings/Training for 2013:**

1. Thursday 31 January 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training will be Crime Scene Awareness by Shari Schultz OCPD.
2. Thursday 28 March 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Team 1.
3. Thursday 23 May 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Team 2.
4. Thursday 25 July 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Team 3.
5. Wednesday 18 September 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Team 4.
6. Thursday 21 November 2013 1830 hours at the Public Safety Building. Training to be conducted by Emergency Services.

- **Saturday training sessions being scheduled for winter-spring 2013:**

1. Saturday 26 January 2013 at the Public Safety Building 0830-1200 hours  
Points of Distribution Procedures (PODS)
2. Saturday 23 March 2013 at the Public Safety Building from 0830-1200 hours. Radio Operational Procedures
3. Saturday 27 April 2013 at the Public Safety Building from 0830-1200 hours. Traffic Control and Crowd Management for CERT.

- Training to consider for future dates:

1. CERT Animal Response II
2. Compass reading practical exercises
3. First Aid Training Course
4. Incident Command Systems (NIMS) ICS-300
5. Incident Command Systems (NIMS) ICS-400

**Presentation: *CERT Animal Response I*** by Megan Sochowski of the Maryland Park Service. Ms. Sochowski provided a power point presentation, video, and a special “visitor” (an owl) for this very informative and interesting presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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