

OC - CERT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 22 January 2015 1830 hours

Public Safety Building 2nd Floor Training Room

- Meeting called to order by Bob Rhode.
- Review and approval of the minutes from the OC-CERT 20 November 2014 meeting. Minutes will be posted on the website.
- **Website Reminder:** A link for **OC-CERT** Information available on the Town of Ocean City website through the Emergency Services home page including google calendar.
The direct link is: http://oceancitymd.gov/Emergency_Management/cert-team.html

Note: the Town's new website was launched in early January. A new link can be used for OC CERT webpage: <http://oceancitymd.gov/cert>

• **Old Business:**

- Anyone that needs CERT hats, shirts and equipment contact Carol Boyles. Some items will be available for distribution at the next meeting. Order for additional gear bags is being processed.
- Anyone interested in recording a public safety message for the Ocean City FM radio station contact Bob Rhode.
- Update on the Amateur Radio Technician Class, the EOC base station and radio updates. Eighteen persons have expressed interest in this training. Options are: 3 week nights and all day Saturday or Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday. There seems to be no preference from the interested persons so Bob Rhode will contact the Instructor to set the dates. There is no fee for the license and the Town will purchase the study guide books. The Town has also purchased several hand held radio at a cost of \$150/each and a base station has been set up in the FM radio station room; antennae has been installed on the building. Training for those persons having their HAM Operator Licenses will be held 7pm January 27 at the PSB. This is a State wide radio exercise. Interested OC CERT Members may attend as "observers".
- Thank you for to those who assisted with the Mayor's Open House New Year's Day at Convention Center. New OC CERT Member Pearl Owens won the raffle for the weather radio.
- Comments on the member form presented at the November 2014 meeting – thanks to Cheryl Bissell and Sally Crawford. Draft of the forms will be posted on the website for review. Comments may be forwarded to Carol Boyles. Forms will be discussed at the next Planning Meeting.
- Update on the CERT Instructor Train-The-Trainer class – cancelled due to low enrollment.

• **New Business:**

- Saturday 24 January 2015 OC-CERT Training has been cancelled.
- Worcester County CERT will be conducting training on Saturday 21 February 2015 at the Worcester County Fire Training Center in Newark. Registration is being processed with Tom Kane.
- Ocean City EOC will be conducting a full activation Wednesday 18 February 2015 for a Maryland State exercise from 0800-1600 hours. Pre-registration is required through the State's LMS website. This is only open to OC CERT Members who attended the December Exercise at Wor-Wic.
- Information will be forthcoming on upcoming/June events. Reminder that OC CERT Members can pick and choose as to what activities in which to participate.
- Annual trip to Wakefield National Weather Station is scheduled in the spring. This is a requirement for the Town to maintain "storm ready" status.
- City- wide clean up in April will be conducted as an EOC Exercise.

- **Open Forum Discussion:**

- Clay Stamp, for Town of Ocean City Emergency Services Director, has been appointed by the Governor as the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Director.
- Expected budget/program and funding cuts are anticipated from the State.
- Letters have been sent out to the current OC CERT Members who do not have the required 3 dates of attendance to remain as active Members. Persons are asked to inform us of their intent to continue with the OC CERT Program next year or to resign. The Team listings will be updated accordingly by the next meeting.
- OC CERT Members are reminded to forward copies of any certificates received for classes, etc. taken through the State LMS or other outside agency to Emergency Management for our records.
- Handout provided for the upcoming Weather Spotter Class.
- Recognition of OC CERT Members who graduated from OCU.

Training to consider for future dates:

1. Compass reading practical exercises
2. First Aid Training Course
3. Training with the Civil Air Patrol

Presentation by Bob Rhode : Radios.

Closing Comments:

- Thanks to all for attending.
- Check the website for updates.
- Read and follow instructions for any messages sent out.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

