



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps**  
**Wednesday December 10, 2008**  
**310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**360-249-3911**

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**Chair: Greg Osgood**                      **Co Chair: Sherryl Jackson**                      **Secretary: Joy Carossino**

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**Present:**

Larry Bishop	Citizen	Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser
Terry Hany	Citizen	Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House
Ken Walkington	Montesano Fire Dept	Debbie Cool	Disaster Outreach Services
Tammy Whipple	ARC	Jodie Jones	The Salvation Army
Sheila Richardson	The Salvation Army	Greg Osgood	Elma School District
Stephanie Allestad	GHFD #8	Stan Ratcliff	GH PDA
Kim Shelley	GHFD #8	Tony Simone	GH College
Sandy Parsons	Ocean Shores CERT	Joan Oliver	SOS Emergency
Fred Cool	LTRO	Glennis Stamon	E911
Sherryl Jackson	No River CERT	Anne Sullivan	Em & Risk Management
Joy Carossino	Em & Risk Management		

The minutes for November were approved as written.

*Presentation:* Ted Buehner of the National Weather Service presented information on the CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow) network through a GoToMeeting. Anyone can participate by obtaining a 4" plastic rain gauge, viewing the training session, setting up the gauge in a good location, observing the precipitation, and reporting the data at [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org).

*Elections for Chair & Co Chair:*

Greg Osgood and Sherryl Jackson were nominated for Chairperson for 2009. Votes were taken and Sherryl Jackson was elected Chairperson for 2009. Greg Osgood was nominated for Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations. Greg Osgood was elected Vice Chairperson for 2009.

*Review of Calendar:* Linda Pizanti, the Vista volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps presented Emergency Preparedness information at the Elma Senior Center. About 40 people attended and it was very well received. Emergency & Risk Management has been reduced one full time person so the ability to do outside work will be limited. The office will make up packets for anyone who needs them for any presentations. If there is a need for someone to come and do the presentation, contact Anne Sullivan 249-3911. One exercise has already been scheduled for May 1, 2009, a Hazmat Table Top Exercise at Weyerhaeuser with the LEPC. There may be a full scale in September depending on funding. GH County did get full scale exercise credit for last December's storm. That fulfills one of the grant requirements.

*Map Your Neighborhood (MYN):* A Hoquiam City Council member will be working on starting a program in his area. Verna MacDonald will be having a program on Saturday. Terry Hany is hoping to have a program in mid January in Montesano.

*North River CERT:* The CERT team continues to work with Ryan on his senior project/Disaster supply container. They are looking for donations and have already received tarps from LTRO. The group is trying to partner with a

non-profit so they can apply for grants. There is a \$5000 grant through GH Community Foundation available, but you must be non-profit to apply. The CERT team is getting clean up buckets from Salvation Army. Sherryl contacted the Port of Seattle and they do not donate containers but passed on two names of companies who do donate containers. They already have approval through the school board to place the container at the school. The school is ¼ mile away from the evacuation site. There may be funds available to purchase a HAM radio, Sherryl is working with Anne on that. They hope to be done with the senior project by June.

*Ocean Shores CERT:* Sandy spoke with the Mayor and the convention center will be open for shelter during a disaster. The generator is up and running. MYN has been presented to the Mayor and the Council and they feel it is a good program and is needed.

*Westport CERT:* The Senior House is set up for a disaster. Verna MacDonald reported that the generator is in place, the electricity is still not quite hooked up. The Ocosta School Board just passed a resolution to put up a new school building which will be Tsunami safe. Verna went through Governor Gregoire and Brian Blake to apply for her grant; she suggested anyone who wants to apply for grants to start with the State Senator in your area and work up.

*Grays Harbor College:* Tony Simone reported that the college purchased and installed a new base radio with battery backup for two-way communications for on campus use only. They also purchased 38 additional handheld units for the CERT team and other staff. They will be having First Aid/CPR training at the college for all the CERT members and college community. The CERT members will be attending a bomb threat exercise at the college. Ken Walkington suggested that AFD program the college frequency in their radios. Tony will contact Dave Carlberg. Anne suggested that the frequency be added to the radios in the radio room in the EOC and contact KXRO as well. Glennis Stamon suggested contacting Chief Torgerson of APD. A letter of authorization will be needed for anyone to add the frequency.

*Pacific Beach-Naval CERT:* Stephanie reported the fire chief is working on getting a container and will be meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the issue. The generator switches are installed. The antennae is up and functioning. Next CEP (Community Emergency Preparedness) meeting will be Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and will be a potluck at the North Beach Community Center. They will be discussing who wants to take the First Aid/CPR and the CERT training. Letters will be going out the first week of January to everyone in the district about the annual Fireman's Ball and will include a flyer about the CEP meeting and the emergency information form. Anne requested that copies of the emergency forms be sent to DEM so those contacts can be added to the TWS (Telephonic Warning System). Stephanie will be talking about CoCoRaHS on the local radio spot she does each month. Anne reported that the new AHAB in Moclips is scheduled to be installed the first quarter of next year.

*Medical Reserve Corps:* No one in attendance.

*Disaster Outreach:* Debbie reported that they are finishing up for the year. They have been in GHC since January 3, 2008 working off of a grant. Half of the team will be leaving next week, with 3 left working through January. They have covered the county very well, covering each area several times, going into the schools and teaching skills on preparedness. They had a float in the Loggers Playday Parade and coordinated the Storm Recovery Resource Fair. 114 people attended the fair and it was very well received. 50% of outreach was targeted toward the Spanish community. The grant provided a Spanish interpreter which helped very much. Their main focus was to help the community deal with building resiliency within the family, how to have a plan, and how to take care of emotional and physical stress. They have worked with 20 senior groups, people with a mental health diagnosis and a developmental diagnosis as well. Debbie will continue through the end of January as well as the Spanish interpreter and the school development program person. There was discussion about having a message for the TWS translated into Spanish.

211: No one in attendance.

*Red Cross:* Nothing to report.

*Salvation Army:* The Salvation Army continues to do repairs. They are supplying signs for yards to the people they have helped, with repairs to their homes, to let others know the Salvation Army does help with repairs. They also have radio spots [saying they](#) still have funds available to help anyone in need. About 50 disaster kits were given out at the Resource fair and 4 more clients were acquired. Their disaster report has been turned into DEM. Sheila has 21 cases she is working on and her time with TSA has been extended for a couple of months. Jodie has more kits available at her office. Anne reported that in the event that we have another disaster and a declaration that includes funding, she will request that State EMD come to Grays Harbor to explain the process so that the Citizen Corps group can then explain the process to the people they are in contact with. Jodie reported that FEMA can still be called about damages from the December storm to receive their denial letter which is required to apply for unmet needs funding.

*Distribution Center:* No one in attendance. Sylvia Markham did report that the Weyerhaeuser Foundation is donating \$35,000 to the Grays Harbor & Pacific Counties Food Distribution Warehouse for a food storage building.

*Community Hospital:* No one in attendance.

*Grays Harbor PDA:* Stan reported that they are adding another generator to a building, so that will be a total of 4 buildings with backup power. They have several portable generators as well. The PDA continues to improve their disaster preparedness. They are working on getting contact to people on the other side of the river if they are cut off due to flooding. Ground Minneapolis Tank has occupancy of 120,000 square feet and within the next couple of months should have occupancy for another 200,000. Hopefully next year there will be over 100 employees.

### Discussion

Ken requested that everyone get their contact information into DEM in preparation of the storm season. If the EOC is being staffed due to an event, the Citizen Corps group will be contacted for assistance. Anne reminded the group that all emergency workers are required to take the ICS-100 and 700 and these can be taken on line.

Anne thanked the group for their participation and how much they are appreciated for all the hard work and dedication they have shown in the past year.

Terry Hany reported that she attended the Storm Recovery Resource Fair and won a NOAA weather radio. Way to go Terry! Sherryl reported that you can go on line to learn how to program the radio and also our RACES group is available to help program NOAA weather radios. Call the DEM office if you would like one of our HAM volunteers to assist with programming.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 14, 2009 at 9:00am.