



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
 May 14, 2008
 Emergency Management Office
 310 W Spruce Street, Montesano

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

Present:

Sandy Parsons	Ocean Shores CERT	Greg Osgood	Elma School District
Larry Bishop	Citizen	Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House
Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser	Glennis Stamon	911
Sherryl Jackson	No River Cert	Anne Sullivan	GHC Emergency Mgmt
Joy Carossino	GHC Emergency Mgmt	Sherryl Jackson	North River CERT
Ken Walkington	Montesano Fire	Scott Neill	Disaster Outreach Svcs
Jeanette Anderson	Disaster Outreach Svcs	Brian Hughes	Anchor Bank
Nora LeBlanc	GH Pub Health & Soc Svcs	Stephanie Allestad	GHFD #8

Minutes were approved as written.

Public Outreach:

05-06-08: Ocean Shores Senior Center- Anne did a presentation on Emergency Preparedness and Map Your Neighborhood. Good attendance.

Ken Walkington has a Shelter-In-Place DVD for School, Home, Business, and Hospitals.

There was discussion on the type of events for Emergency Management to attend. National Night Out was thought to be a good focus. It was suggested that a letter to the Fire Chiefs be sent out about MYN.

North River CERT

The local fire department has approved CERT's participation in drills. A BBQ is scheduled for July with WCSD. The CERT will be practicing splinting and bandaging. In order to have a HAM radio at the evacuation site (Shilo Bible Camp) there has to be a camp member that has a HAM license. A suggestion was made to talk with Doyle Wenzel and to maybe have the member join RACES.

Ocean Shores CERT

They are waiting for the mayoral and city council elections in Ocean Shores. Sandy is trying to get another CERT Team started.

Westport Senior House

The first of the paperwork has been sent in to the state for the generator grant.

Health Reserve Corps

Nora is putting together a Mass Distribution Drill at Harbor High School on Wednesday, June 11th from 8:30-noon. The scenario is 30,000 people in Grays Harbor need medication within 48 hours, because of an outbreak or threat. Participants will be Law, EMTs, the Press, and Radio. She needs evaluators. The group voted to cancel Citizen Corps in June so that members can participate in the drill if interested. Please register with Nora. Public Health has been approved to hire a full time VISTA Member who could start on September 2nd.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital

The exercise in April went very well. All those who participated did a great job.

Training

NIMS IS-700 and IS-100 at [//training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp](http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp). These classes are a directive from FEMA for all first responders and disaster workers (SAR, emergency workers, CERT). Nora is planning to offer training in Psychological First Aid. This will be an 8 hour course.

AHAB

All jurisdictions and Grays Harbor EOC tested on Monday, May 5^h. Aberdeen: everything checked out, but the siren did not activate. They did get the PA to work. Everything was programmed correctly. Westport: no one available to activate, Hoquiam-OK, Ocean Shores-OK, EOC-OK. In the event of a Tsunami Warning the AHABS will be activated by the WA State Department of Emergency Management.

Discussion

Ken and Monica spoke about the LEPC conference they attended in Lake Chelan. The Grays Harbor County LEPC continues to be one of, if not the only, group reviewing Tier II Reporters Emergency Response Plans.

Ken discussed the Sales Tax Initiative proposal. 1/10 of 1% will be put on the ballot. This tax would provide additional funding for Emergency Management to help fund projects to become more prepared. According to law, 1/3 of the dollars collected would need to be allocated to law enforcement. A committee has been formed composed of Mike Whelan, Dennis Benn, Bob Torgerson, Dave Porter, Ken Walkington, Jeff Myers, and Anne Sullivan. Sheriff Whelan will be the main contact. Funds will be used to upgrade the EOC, purchase generators and supplies and to update communications. Ken asked for the support of the Citizen Corps.

Scott Neil and Janette Anderson from Disaster Outreach Services were in attendance. Their organization has been in the field since early January to address individual needs. They have been helping with relief as well as crisis counseling.

Next meeting is Wednesday July 9th at 9:00am.