

experience, etc. Find out which neighbors have kids who are at home alone or elderly neighbors who might need to be checked on. It's a neighbor helping neighbor program.

North River CERT would like to set a date in August to hold a BBQ with the West Coast Search Dogs (WCSD). Also they have at least 3 people who would like to attend CERT training (Were invited by Tony Simone to GH College CERT training). Sherryl Jackson stated that her son had to write a paper for his senior project and decided to write a grant to receive funding for a cement pad and a container with disaster supplies. The committee congratulated Sherryl on her son's project and his dedication and wishes him success in his grant. She will keep us informed of his outcome.

Ocean Shores CERT not present to report.

Westport CERT held a mock terrorist event on July 5th with their local fire and police. All CERT members were present. Westport's CERT is still active starting with 18 and now having 15 participating members. Anne asked Verna MacDonald to provide her with an updated list of all active members' names, address, and phone numbers.

Grays Harbor College Tony Simone provided the dates for their CERT training (July 30th, 31st, and August 1st). This is a 20 hour course delivered over a three day period. The college has purchased NOAA weather radios for their on/off campus locations. They will be holding a fire alarm drill with Aberdeen Fire. An agreement is in place for mass notification to send over voice and text messaging to alert staff and students of any potential threat. Funding was received through the Legislature on Rapid Response. Grays Harbor College is the first college in the state to implement this system. It is a mapping system for first responders to know where critical utilities such as water and gas are located. A meeting will be held to discuss with police and fire the location of these utilities and the hot zones.

Pacific Beach CERT Anne was contacted by Naval Station Everett. The Pacific Beach Naval Resort will be hosting a CERT training and will open it to local community members. This will definitely benefit the North Beach area.

Health Reserve Corps still has an opening for a VISTA member. This is a stipend position and will be full time for 1 year. A letter has been sent out to recruit medical personnel retired or otherwise to become a part of the reserve corps.

CoCoRaHS will be discussed at the August meeting.

Training ICS training is recommended for all emergency workers and volunteers. Anyone who is a first responder is required to have IS 100 & 700. This includes all CERT, EOC staff, SAR, Health Reserve Corps, and Amateur Radio who are registered emergency workers. Nora LeBlanc reminded us that she is trained to teach these classes if you do not want to take them online. She can be contacted at the GH Public Health Office at 360-532-8631 ext 482.

Drills and Exercises. All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHABs) systems continue to be tested the first Monday of every month beginning at noon. During the last test on July 7th the Ocean City AHAB siren did not function and we continue to have problems with the public announcement (PA) on some units. In the event of a real Tsunami Warning, the sirens will activate for 3 minutes. If the siren were to activate and it was not the first Monday of the month around noon you should immediately go to higher ground and listen to a radio that will give you further instructions. As always we remind people that AHABs are only meant to be heard by those who are outdoors. There are too many factors that could stand in the way of someone being able to hear the siren indoors. It is and has always been highly recommended that people purchase a NOAA weather radio and have it in their homes just

like they would a smoke detector. These are available for purchase at many electronic stores or online and can range in price from \$30.00 up to \$70.00 depending on what you choose. We suggest a very simple easy to use radio. If you need help programming your radio, Emergency Management can help with that just give us a call.

Public Health & Social Services held a Point of Dispensing Drill that went very well. It was observed that many more people would be needed to help organize people and to help maintain order.

GHC Emergency Management will be participating in a Tsunami drill scheduled to take place October 22nd. Our EOC will be activated. Tony Simone expressed an interest in being in the EOC. Debriefing or Hot Wash is scheduled for the following day possibly by conference call. This drill will satisfy our 2009 grant. Anne and Dan Prater FD #2 Chief will be attending the day and a half training at Camp Murray on the 20 & 21st. There are two more slots open for Grays Harbor County representatives to attend training at Camp Murray. Contact Anne if you are interested.

Discussion

Sherri Oliver presented business cards to the committee and briefly explained her business called SOS Emergency Prepared Inc. Her business can be found online and it is an opportunity for people to purchase disaster supplies.

Anne reported that all CERT leaders can go online through FEMA and register their group.

Disaster Outreach is still going strong and is still finding people who have needs from December's storm. Disaster Outreach is available to provide preparedness presentations also.

A small discussion was held about generator use during the storm. There were a lot of generators out there but once they were started people didn't really know how to maintain them. We will continue to educate people that they need to be responsible for themselves and have a plan in place before anything happens. During the storm 911 reported that their calls increased by 10 times. The calls were mainly from people who were asking for things that they should have had in place prior to the disaster. 911 only has 8 lines total so their chances of being overwhelmed with calls that are non-emergent are very high.

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 13th.