



Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
Wednesday August 13, 2008
310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2nd Floor
360-249-3911

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

Present:

Larry Bishop	Citizen	Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser
Sandy Parsons	Ocean Shores CERT	Brian Hughes	Anchor Bank
Sherril Oliver	SOS Emergency Prepared Inc	Nora LeBlanc	Public Health
Greg Osgood	Elma School District	Terry Hany	Citizen
Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House	Ken Walkington	Montesano Fire Dept
Scott Neill	Disaster Outreach Services	Jeannette Anderson	Disaster Outreach Services
Tony Simone	Grays Harbor College	Anne Sullivan	GHC Emergency Mgmt
Glennis Stamon	911	Stephanie Allestad	GH Fire Dist. #8
Joan Oliver	SOS Emergency Prepared Inc	Joy Carossino	GHC Emergency Mgmt

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am
The minutes for July were approved as written.

Public Outreach

National Night Out: There were two neighborhood meetings in Montesano. Ken Walkington reported that there were about 40 people at their BBQ and felt that the Map Your Neighborhood exercise was very successful. Hoquiam had 8 or 9 meetings and Aberdeen had about 11. It was reported that there were about 30 people at one of the Aberdeen meetings and they presented MYN (Map Your Neighborhood). Ken suggested that next year everyone at the Citizen Corps meeting do at least one National Night Out meeting since this is a prime time to promote MYN.

Review of Calendar: There was an addition to the calendar. On September 28 Anne will be making a presentation at the Ocean Shores Lions Club at 3:00 on preparedness. Stephanie Allestad reported that Fire Dist #8 will be starting monthly meetings on Community Preparedness at the Pacific Beach Fire Department. The first meeting will be October 15th, 6:00 Potluck with the meeting starting at 7:00. There will be representation from the Naval Base, the Parks Department and the PUD with a talk on generators.

Grays Harbor County Fair: This year's Emergency Management booth with the West Coast Search Dogs and Disaster Outreach was a great success. With volunteers, Emergency Management, and Disaster Outreach we were able to man the booth and handout around 675 bags of Emergency Preparedness Material along with other brochures. The response from the public was very good. They remembered us from last year and talked about how they are being more prepared. Ken Walkington suggested that we have a better give away other than pens and magnets. Maybe a whistle with a strobe light.

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN): If your business or your neighborhood would like a presentation on how to develop MYN please contact Anne Sullivan at 360-249-3911 ext 290 and she can schedule a presentation for you. Terry Hany asked what was available for the handicapped. Anne explained that a handicapped community member should have a plan in place and that surrounding neighbors should be aware of that person's needs. Ken

also explained that emergency responders, during an event, may not be able to help them, so having a plan would be the best.

National Preparedness Month: September is National Preparedness Month and Emergency Management will be getting the word out to update emergency kits and how to be more prepared. Sherri Oliver mentioned her web site SOS Emergency Prepared that has supplies for emergency kits.

North River CERT not present to report.

Ocean Shores CERT: a generator was donated to the Senior Center. Sandy Parsons is looking for help to hook up the generator, Chimney Techniques was suggested.

Westport CERT: Verna MacDonald reported that a generator has been ordered and the City has approved it.

Grays Harbor College: Tony Simone reported that the CERT training was a success. 19 Members of the college staff attended the training. They are going to tie in their monthly Safety meetings with CERT.

Pacific Beach CERT: The Pacific Beach Naval Resort will be hosting a CERT training. There will be 7 members from the FD and 2 community members. They are trying to get participation from Seabrook.

Medical Reserve Corps: A VISTA member will be starting full time Sept 2 for 1 year. A PIO/JIC Training was held at the GH College. It was a great success with many participants. Anne asked for a roster to be sent to the Emergency Management Office. There was discussion about having a tabletop with Rich Bly on Emergency Preparedness possibly at the Medical Clinic in Taholah.

Disaster Outreach: The staff has been going door to door mostly approaching houses with tarps. They will have a TV spot in September on the North Beach TV. Their staff will also be attending the Hoquiam Art Walk and Loggers Playday to get more preparedness information out to the community.

CoCoRaHS: Information on the CoCoRaHS was given to the group. Anne explained this is a network of volunteer rainfall observers across the country and if anyone is interested they can report on the website www.cocorahs.org. The main idea is that volunteers take daily rainfall measurements and report them. The measurements provide a pattern of rainfall that can help in weather forecasting, disaster management, drought monitoring, and research.

Training: 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. It was recommended that CERT get assigned within their own area. If an Emergency Worker is registered and has completed all the paperwork they can be utilized anywhere. Emergency Worker Application packets are available in the Emergency Management Office. During an event registered workers will be called first. In March there is an annual training session for Emergency Workers at the EOC. This year's focus will be damage reports.

Drills and Exercises. All Hazard Alert Broadcast (AHABs) systems continue to be tested the first Monday of every month beginning at noon. A spotter is needed for Ocean City. Emergency Management and 911 are on board and ready for the siren activation. There are still some frequency, user, and program problems with other siren activators. WA State EMD, 911, and Emergency Management can set all the AHABS off. In a real event the sirens will go off for three minutes. During testing it is 30 seconds and an audio that announces it is only a test. An agreement has been given to the Commissioners to install an AHAB in Moclips. Regular weekly and monthly tests for EAS tie into television broadcasts. It was reported that several tests were seen on TV the last

time EAS was tested. It was felt that new personnel and programming caused the test to be activated more than once.

Discussion

Larry Bishop asked the group by a show of hands, if they spend their own money when volunteering, without reimbursement. Half of the group in attendance raised their hands. He asked permission of the group if he could relay to the community that half of the people at the Citizen Corps meeting spend their own money to volunteer. He also expressed that this group is one of the best in the County for helping the community. Anne said that GH County was credited with the amount of volunteer hours during the December storm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 10, 2008.