



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
 Wednesday March 11, 2009
 310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2nd Floor
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Chair: Sherryl Jackson Co Chair: Greg Osgood Secretary: Joy Carossino

Present:

Jesse Smith	Citizen	Nora LeBlanc	GHC Public Health
Greg Osgood	Elma School District	Monica Simpson	GHCH
Glennis Stamon	E911	Caren Holley	Mark Reed Hospital
Tim Simon	GHCH	Jason Dean	ARC
Ken Walkington	MFD	Raymond Bentson	Citizen
Sherryl Jackson	No River CERT	Ryan Jackson	No River CERT
Larry Bishop	Citizen	Fred Cool	GH LTRO
Terry Haney	Citizen	Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser
Verna MacDonald	Westport CERT	Sheila Richardson	Salvation Army
Jodie Jones	Salvation Army		

The minutes for February 11, 2009 were accepted as written.

Public Outreach:

- March 14th Fire Dist #8 will be holding an Open House
- March 18th is Elected Officials & Department head Emergency Management training
- June 4th TTX (tabletop) Haz Mat drill
- August 4th National Night Out

North River CERT: Sherryl is setting up an account for the CERT so that the check that they were given to purchase the Ham radio and any future donations can go directly into the account. Doyle Wenzel will be helping them purchase the radio system next week. The Grays Harbor Foundation is also willing to donate \$2500 if CERT spends \$7000. Sherryl is working to get the container from the Seattle area to North River and will be talking to Grays Harbor College to see if their truck driving instructor might be available to pick it up during their training. Sherryl also reported that during this last flood their CERT was activated by their calling tree which worked very well. Sherryl thanked the Salvation Army and the Amercian Red Cross who were most helpful to her area for the supplies that were donated and the overwhelming amount of communication that she had received from them.

Ocean Shores CERT: No one in attendance.

Westport CERT: Verna reported that In January the Westport Senior House was opened for one night for the Raymond basketball team who could not make it home after the game because of the storm. They had 26 cots and food available for the team and coaches. Verna said the best part of that whole time was receiving 26 hugs from the team before they left the next day. Verna has received approximately 562 names on a petition that she has passed around in the last three weeks for a Dopplar radar for the coast.

Grays Harbor College CERT: No one in attendance

Pacific Beach CERT: No one in attendance

Medical Reserve Corps: Nora has approximately 45 applications for the Medical Reserve Corps at this time. On May 6th at the Aberdeen / Weatherwax High School there will be a Mass Distribution Drill from 8:30am to noon. Invitation's to the drill were distributed and registration is required with Nora no later than April 30th. All participants must have ID to be on campus since it is at the school. You may contact Nora LeBlanc at Grays Harbor Public Health & Social Services at 360-532-8631 ext 484 or by email nleblanc@co.grays-harbor.wa.us Nora reported that Emergency Support Function (ESF) #6 is still in progress. The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 14 at the Pearsall Building from 9:00 - 11:00am. Anyone may attend.

Greg Osgood introduced Raymond Benson from Elma. Raymond is a Bilingualist who is a certified translator in Spanish and the Spanish Region. Raymond is in process of obtaining a medical certification to be able to interpret for doctors' offices or hospitals. He is also learning Korean. His home phone number is 360-482-3607 and his cell is 360-470-8415.

Jesse Smith introduced himself from Cosmopolis and can also speak fluent Spanish. His cell phone number is 360-581-7993.

911: Glennis reported that they are wrapping up the conversion of Narrowband right now and it has been a long process.

Salvation Army: Jodie reported that they are still receiving calls for help with roofs from the 2007 storm. The Salvation Army has also been receiving an alarming amount of calls from families who have recently been laid off of work. Jodie's office and the Salvation Army Food Bank will receive a fresh coat of paint from volunteers at a local church.

Grays Harbor/ Pacific County Food Distribution Warehouse: No one in attendance.

American Red Cross: Jason reported that they are building their volunteer base and working with partners and liaisons. Jason informed the committee that the American Red Cross is still located in the Armory. At this time the National Guard is deployed so there is not always someone at that location.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH): Tim reported that GHCH is working with Nora's Mass Distribution Drill. The decon training that was scheduled for March 20th has been rescheduled for April 3rd due to the Department of Health (DOH) being on site.

Mark Reed Hospital: Caren has nothing to report at this time.

Other Discussion:

Nora conveyed to the committee that as her ESF #6 planning group has been working on sheltering, the needs of animals have been a big concern. We need to remember to make arrangements for our pets in disasters. This includes making sure we have all of their shots up to date, the name and phone number of the vet and a carrier to keep them in. Animals get stressed and scared and an animal that didn't bite before may when stressed during a disaster. Plans for farm animals should be made as well. The GHC Fairgrounds are available for farm animals. You are responsible for them, including food and health. There is no vet onsite.

ESF #6 Planning Meeting: The schedule that was distributed should indicate May 12 not May 26.

Grays Harbor College has a grant writing program called English 150. If help is needed contact the college and a student might be able to help.

Terry Haney is working on Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) in her area. She encourages all to use National Night Out on August 4th as a starting point in your neighborhood if you haven't done so already.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 8, 2009