



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps  
 Wednesday April 8, 2009  
 310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 360-249-3911**

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

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**Present:**

Greg Osgood	Elma School District	Monica Simpson	GHCH
Glennis Stamon	E911	Tim Simon	GHCH
Ken Walkington	MFD	Sherryl Jackson	No River CERT
Keren Small	No River CERT	Larry Bishop	Citizen
Fred Cool	GH LTRO	Terry Haney	Citizen
Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser	Jodie Jones	Salvation Army
Lin Butler	SIGHT	Stephanie Allestad	No BCH CERT/ FD #8
Michael Burden	ARC	Tammy Whipple	ARC
Mike Molyneux	ARC	Patrick Farwell	ARC
Stan Ratcliff	GHPDA	Tony Simone	GH College

There was a correction to the Outreach Calendar which is reflected in the Review of the Calendar below. The minutes for March 11, 2009 were accepted as written with corrections to the calendar.

***Review of Calendar:***

March 14<sup>th</sup> Stephanie pointed out that Fire Dist #8 did not hold an Open House on this date.  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> Ocean Shores Ladies Group @ The Shilo – Jodie Jones offered to do this presentation.  
 The Calendar will be updated for the next meeting to reflect any changes because of recent changes in Administration.

***North River CERT:*** The team met and discussed the possibility of annexing with Pacific County and Fire District #15 to cover the North River area. The Fire District just purchased a new fire truck, so they may put the current fire truck down at the school and are talking about possibly getting a grant to build a garage to put the older truck in. This would be located right next to the disaster supply container that the CERT team has been working on. Sherryl has been having trouble getting a bank account for the CERT team. Stephanie suggested Twin Harbors Credit Union. Sherryl is still waiting for information on the donated container, and has sent in all the information that Weyerhaeuser is requesting. She has also written to several cement companies for donations of cement for the pad the container will be placed on. Sherryl introduced Keren Small a member of their CERT team.

***Ocean Shores CERT:*** No one in attendance.

***Westport CERT:*** No one in attendance.

***Grays Harbor College CERT:*** Tony reported that the College CERT had a trooper from WSP teach a bomb recognition class at the college. He did a presentation on what to look for and how to perform a check & search of a building. Aberdeen Police Dept did a 2 ½ hour tactical exercise that included a hostage/armed intruder training. Cert Members acted as volunteers and victims. The college is adding to their first aid supplies, stocking more than just regular supplies like trauma packets. They are currently working with the SCC to get a repeater for better communication around the college campus. They hope to have their license in the next month and will then start the process to purchase the repeater.

**North Beach CERT:** Pacific Beach Naval CERT is now called North Beach CERT. This team involves community members from Ocean Shores to Taholah. They meet the fourth Monday of every month at the North Beach Community Center in Pacific Beach. They have 9 new members that are certified and will be conducting CERT training twice a year. These trainings will be over a two weekend training time. They are currently discussing where they want to go with the CERT training and how they can assist the Fire Dept and the Sheriffs Dept in an emergency situation. The Fire Dept is working on getting new supplies.

**Montesano CERT:** No one in attendance. Terry Haney was interested in the Montesano CERT. Joy will be checking into finding the information on the Montesano CERT and will be sure to invite them to the next meeting.

**Medical Reserve Corps:** Nora was not in attendance. Lin Butler who is part of the committee for the Mass Distribution Drill at the Aberdeen High School reported that the next meeting was changed to April 13<sup>th</sup>. They have been asking for assistance from various agencies who would like to observe and have met with the High School. The planning is going well. Registration is required with Nora no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:nleblanc@co.grays-harbor.wa.us) .

**911:** Larry Bishop commented that the funding for the upgrade for 911 communications was approved at the County Commissioners meeting. Glennis added that this is ongoing funding from the state. Also, there was legislation that was presented this year for an upgrade to the current revenue system that is used to obtain money from users of the 911 system. Currently cell phones and land line phones are taxed and that money goes to smaller counties, including GH, to help pay for 911 services. The legislature has been requested to extend that tax to VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) users and to slightly increase the amount of the tax to provide a more stable funding base for 911 services. All 911 centers are currently still using analog technology in their phone systems and cannot receive text messages on 911 lines. There is no funding base to upgrade the 911 centers to the new technology. Glennis also explained to the group what happens when a call to 911 comes from a cell phone. Depending on where you are it will search for the closest tower, which may not be close to where you are. There are ways to locate the person who needs help and some cell phones have a GPS chip in them. Monica reported that Verizon phones have a location setting where you can chose E911 or "location on" in your phone. E911 will only display the closest tower, but if your phone is programed for "location on", the GPS chip in the phone should be able to show the location of the phone within 50 yards.

**Salvation Army:** Ten volunteers came to the Salvation Army and did some painting at the food bank. The Salvation Army is a month away from closing out the long term recovery from the 2007 storm. There are still some people coming in from the 2009 flood and they still have clean up kits. The LTRO has moved from the Salvation Army building and the Salvation Army has resigned from the board.

**LTRO:** Fred Cool from the LTRO (Long Term Recovery Organization) reported that the group has new phone numbers and email address. The phone number is 360-249-2555, fax number is 360-249-2556 and the email address is [ghltro@centurytel.net](mailto:ghltro@centurytel.net) . They are located in a home office in Montesano.

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

**American Red Cross:** Mike Molyneux passed out business cards and Disaster Services Guides. He reported that they had 11 responses to fires in GH county during the month of January along with the flooding. February was quiet and in March there were three fires. They partnered with the Salvation Army. He would like to become more familiar with the CERT teams to start working together. Stephanie commented that the CERT's are having to become much more involved in disasters and preparedness due to the cutbacks all over the State. Tony Simone reported to Mike that they have some storage area at the college that is available for the Red Cross. Tony and Mike will be getting together to discuss this further.

**Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH):** Tim reported that GHCH is working with Nora and the Mass Distribution Drill. The hospital is also planning on working with the LEPC on the Hazmat tabletop in June and just went through a State audit, which they did very well on.

**Mark Reed Hospital:** No one in attendance.

**GH PDA:** Stan Ratcliff reported that Ground Minneapolis Tank is now in as temporary occupancy of 300,000 square feet of building space and will be employing about 100 people. The PDA is on the south side of the Chehalis River and they become an island when it floods and would like Red Cross to be aware that there are workers as well as homes in that area.

**Other Discussion:**

Jodie Jones expressed how sorry she was to hear that Anne had been laid off from the County and the group decided to send a letter of appreciation and a gift for all of the work that Anne had done for the community. Jody reported on the Administration changes within the County. Paul Easter, Dir of Emergency Management, Jan Fargo, Paul's Administrative Assistant and Anne Sullivan Emergency & Risk Manager were laid off from the County. Emergency Management is now under the direction of Sheriff Mike Whelan, Emergency Management Director, second in command is Undersheriff Rick Scott, third in command, Dave Pimentel, fourth in command, Dave Porter.

Larry Bishop reported that Terry Willis was very pleased to learn that there is a grant writing program called English 150 available at the college.

ESF #6 Planning Meeting: The next scheduled meetings are May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 at the Pearsall Building, 2109 Sumner Avenue, Aberdeen.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 13th, 2009