



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
 Wednesday May 13, 2009
 310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2nd Floor
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Chair: Sherryl Jackson Co Chair: Greg Osgood Secretary: Joy Carossino

Present:

Glennis Stamon	E911	Ken Walkington	MFD
Larry Bishop	Citizen	Fred Cool	GH LTRO
Jodie Jones	Salvation Army	Lin Butler	SIGHT
Michael Burden	ARC	Patrick Farwell	ARC
Tony Simone	GH College	Nora LeBlanc	GHC PH&SS
Dave Pimentel	GHC SO	Lynn O'Conner	GHC SO
Marc Rice	Monte Ministerial Assoc	Rich Malizia	AFD

The minutes for April 8, 2009 were accepted as written.

Ken Walkington gave an overview of the Citizen Corps for our new members from the Sheriff's Office.

Review of Calendar:

Jodie Jones presented Disaster Preparedness to the Ocean Shores Ladies Group on April 10th. They would like a MYN presentation, as well. She will also be doing a MYN presentation on May 27th for the Westport/Grayland Community. Nora will be looking into the possibility of having someone at Splash July 4th and Loggers Playday September 12th. The group discussed what message that they would like to get out for 2009. "Personal Plans and Preparedness" was decided. June 4th Hazmat Tabletop at the Port of GH is still on from 8:00-12:00.

North River CERT: No one in attendance.

Ocean Shores CERT: No one in attendance.

Westport CERT: No one in attendance.

Grays Harbor College CERT: Tony reported that the College was having a Safety and Health Wellness Fair today. They had a yearly update on their Emergency Action Plan that was reviewed by the APD, AFD and WSP. They have received FCC approval for a repeater and have the equipment. It has been tested and is working. The CERT will be holding a meeting and Detective Kelly from APD will be presenting a personal safety class. There will be a statewide exercise on Aug 22nd in North Bend available for CERT members to attend. Currently there are 19 members in the GH College CERT. The team is discussing having some training this summer for new members.

North Beach CERT: No one in attendance.

Montesano CERT: No one in attendance. Joy will try to make contact with this team to let them know about Citizen Corps.

Medical Reserve Corps: Nora reported that the Mass Distribution Drill was very successful. About 67 people participated and 349 people were put through in one hour. They have also had psychological 1st aid training for mental health providers. There are currently 65 medical reserve corps members, Nora reported that most of them still need to complete their ICS training. Nora explained that during an actual disaster, if volunteers were requested, there would be a mission number, issued from the state, and a list of who was volunteering would be provided. Once the volunteer arrived at the disaster area they would have to show picture ID to be able to enter. Ken Walkington went over the Essential

Personnel Re-Entry that the EMPC (Emergency Management Planning Committee) has been working on for credentialing. There was discussion about credentialing for emergency workers and Dave Pimentel reported that until the Sheriff knows what kind of funding there will be for emergency management the badges will be put on hold. GH Public Health & Social Services is recruiting for a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA member to start August 2009 to serve for a year to address community issues. There is a monthly living allowance of \$833, health coverage, training, and a choice of a \$4725 Education award or a cash award of \$1200. Must be 18 years of age with no upper age limit. For more information you can email Nora at nleblanc@co.grays-harbor.wa.us or 532-8631 x484.

911: Glennis reported that Loann Travess, a telecommunicator at 911 will receive a certificate and be recognized next month at the state APCO conference as the State Telecommunicator of the year. And also Scott Sipe, radio and computer technician will be recognized as State Technician of the year. E911 has forwarded their applications on to the international organization and they have both been awarded international recognition also. They will be going to Las Vegas in August to receive their certificates and recognition.

Salvation Army: Jodie reported that a VISTA member will be coming by September 1st. There will be new captains coming July 1st. They are currently receiving the state unmet needs cases from the 2009 storm and are closing 2007 within the next month.

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

American Red Cross: There is a new director of emergency services, Steve Finley, he will start June 1st. Last month the Red Cross responded to a fire in Amanda Park. They have completed the ESF 6 portion of the Emergency Plan for Grays Harbor. They have also donated 200 heater meals to the Salvation Army.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH): No one in attendance. Monica had emailed her report. Since the H1N1 virus, leadership met at a minimum of once a week. Hospital staff was educated on what precautions to take via Mox's (internal email). There was weekly communication with GH Public Health. Karolyn Holden from GHPHSS attended their meeting for management to let them know what they were seeing & hearing locally & to help answer questions. Dr. Bausher met with the Doctors. The hospital displayed information concerning swine flu & links to their website. Brochures & flyers in both English & Spanish were placed in their waiting rooms. They monitored their inventory in the event of a pandemic and received daily communication from the Lab & Infection Control Nurse. No cases at this time.

Mark Reed Hospital: No one in attendance.

GH PDA: No one in attendance.

Other Discussion:

Larry Bishop reported that North River CERT received approval for their 40 foot container. They are still working on the financial situation for their donated funds. Glennis reported that Patrick had purchased a crystal bowl for Anne with the donations from the group and it was delivered. Anne wanted the committee to know that she appreciated the recognition for what she had done for Emergency Management. Lin Butler reported that her Emergency Management major has been completed and she will be going forward with her batchelors. One of the requirements is that she work with five different agencies prior to her graduation. She will be taking a geology class in Hawaii next month on volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. Pastor Rice is interested in the Montesano CERT and hopes to make contact with them and help educate the community about CERT. LTRO will be closing the first of the month.

Next meeting: Wednesday June 10th, 2009