



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps**  
**Wednesday June 10, 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:**

Ken Walkington	MFD	Sherryl Jackson	No River CERT
Larry Bishop	Citizen	Sheila Richardson	Salvation Army
Patrick Farwell	ARC	Mike Molyneux	ARC
Tony Simone	GH College	Greg Osgood	Elma SD
Lynn O'Conner	GHC SO	Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House
Marc Rice	Monte Ministerial Assoc	Tim Simon	GHCH
Sylvia Markham	Weyerhaeuser	Stephanie Allestad	No Beach CERT
Monica Simpson	GHCH	Joy Carossino	Em & Risk Management

The minutes of May 13, 2009 were accepted as written.

***Review of Calendar:***

Public Health & Social Services is unable to attend the Splash Festival, but can have a booth at Loggers Playday. The June 4<sup>th</sup> Tabletop Exercise was very successful. Everyone learned a lot. Ken commented that the communications plan and transportation plan needs some work. Our HAM radio operators will be working on a communication plan between the EOC and the CERT teams and other groups. We will also be looking at the possibility of using CERT team members for traffic control during disasters. Ken mentioned that having more CERT members attend exercises would really help so they can be utilized during disasters.

***North River CERT:*** Sherryl reported that she has sent all the documents to Matson Container who is donating a container for disaster supplies. LTRO is going to process the check, that was donated to the CERT team, and then write a check for the HAM radio.

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

***Westport CERT:*** Verna reported that there was a fire in Westport and she has been working with the fire victims. She also took a petition around Westport, to help get a doppler radar placed in Grays Harbor County, and got 813 signatures. She has sent the petition on to all legislation for Western Washington.

***Grays Harbor College CERT:*** Tony reported that the College had their quarterly CERT meeting. Capt. Corey Rux of the Montesano FD taught First Aid/CPR and AED training for CERT members and staff at the college. They are working on completing NIMS 100 & 700 training, sometime this summer. The college has updated their site survey with ARC and may store some of their supplies at the college. Det Kelly from APD taught a personal safety class. Tony will also be checking with CERT members to see if they want to attend the training in North Bend. This year will feature a mass casualty scenario; open to CERT and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. This will give CERTs another opportunity to refine their triage, transport, and treatment skills. MRCs will have an opportunity to apply their skills to a disaster setting, while the two volunteer teams have a chance to work together. This training is August 22. There will be more details in the upcoming Citizen Corps Newsletter.

***North Beach CERT:*** Red Cross picked up their old supplies. They are starting to write their emergency plans. Stephanie is still receiving applications from community members with their emergency information. The Fire Dept is going to have a BBQ on National Night Out (August 4) and hopes to receive more applications then. Some CERT members had asked Stephanie about the CERT

teams in GHC getting together to share information. No Beach CERT agrees that this is a good idea. They would be happy to have it at their fire hall maybe starting in September. If CERT members would like to do this quarterly please contact Stephanie at 360-276-0009 or email her at allestadbythesea@centurytel.net. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the North Beach Community Center in Pacific Beach.

**Montesano CERT:** No one in attendance. This CERT team is still under development. Pastor Rice researched the list of names from the Montesano Community School. He is going to continue to follow up with the list of people that were interested. Ken Walkington will be assisting him with information on how a CERT team gets started, etc.

**Medical Reserve Corps:** No one in attendance.

**911:** No one in attendance.

**Salvation Army:** Sheila reported that they continue to work with state unmet needs cases. The new captains are coming from Centralia and will be here the beginning of June.

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

**American Red Cross:** Mike reported that GHC rates second in the number of calls to the ARC. They attended the tabletop exercise and felt it was very beneficial. Steve Finley is the new director of emergency services. Mike will be taking on the position of Damage Assessment Manager. There will be someone replacing him soon.

**Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH):** Monica reported that they are in the process of building a conference room to be utilized for disasters, with TV, radio room (HAM), and storage for Decon and other equipment. They attended the tabletop exercise and discovered a few things that need to get straightened out. There was discussion on the radios at the hospital. Region 3 Hospitals will be attending an all day training on hospital evacuation at the Capital Medical Center June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

**GH PDA:** No one in attendance.

#### **Other Discussion:**

Larry Bishop asked if the SO had the authority to deputize someone on the spot and do they have identification for a civilian if they were deputized, i.e. vests, etc. Lynn O'Connor commented that there is a liability issue with that and asked if the CERT teams are covered. The CERT teams have the Good Samaritan coverage. Ken said they have to work under the direction of a jurisdiction to have that coverage. During an event/disaster a mission number is received from State EMD and anyone working the disaster would have to sign in on a sign in sheet to be covered.

CERT team members need to get ID cards for level of re-entry classification. Dale Gowan, Risk Manager, is in control of the badge system and is looking into whether or not the county would make badges for other entities. There would be a cost for the badges but it would be minimal.

Sylvia reported that most of the CERT team for Weyerhaeuser has been laid off. Aberdeen Saw has kept hazardous materials on site. Weyerhaeuser will maintain their storm water permit and Sylvia does the Hazard Waste inspection every week. Response supplies are still on site and are readily available.

**Its getting close to fair time!** There will not be an Emergency Management booth this year, but the SO will have their regular booth with West Coast Search Dogs. Lynn said that the sign up sheet to help at the booth will be out sometime in July. Anyone wanting to help out at their booth, passing out preparedness information, can contact the SO and get signed up.

Next meeting: Wednesday July 8th, 2009