



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
 Wednesday July 8, 2009
 310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2nd Floor
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Chair: Sherryl Jackson Co Chair: Greg Osgood Secretary: Joy Carossino

Present:

Sherryl Jackson	No River CERT	Larry Bishop	Citizen
Mike Molyneux	ARC	Lynn O’Conner	GHC SO
Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House	Stephanie Allestad	No Beach CERT
Monica Simpson	GHCH	Lin Butler	Citizen
Pat Ohlsen	No Beach CERT	Nora LeBlanc	GPH&SS
Glennis Stamon	E911	Jodie Jones	ARC
Joy Carossino	Em & Risk Management		

The minutes of June 10, 2009 were accepted as written.

Review of Calendar: Additions to the calendar:

- North Beach CERT is hosting a Grays Harbor County CERT-Symposium on Saturday, September 19th from 10am-4pm. (Flyer attached). Please RSVP to Stephanie Allestad at allestadbythesea@centurytel.net.
- West Coast Search Dogs and E911 will be helping at the Sheriff’s Office/Emergency Management booth at the fair.

North River CERT: Sherryl has placed the order for the HAM radio system. LTRO helped process the check to get the system paid for. Doyle Wenzel of AEC (Auxiliary Emergency Communications) has been helping Sherryl make sure the correct equipment is purchased and the antennae is put in a good location. They are still waiting for the 40 foot container.

Ocean Shores CERT: No one in attendance.

Westport CERT: On July 11th the Fire Department will be putting on a “disaster episode” in Westport.

Grays Harbor College CERT: No one in attendance.

North Beach CERT: Stephanie passed out flyers on the CERT Symposium that No Beach CERT will be hosting on Sept. 19th. This is a chance for CERT teams to meet and have some table top discussions. The team has acquired a non profit bank account for any donations they receive. The Fire Department will be celebrating it’s 50th anniversary and will celebrate on National Night Out, Aug. 4th. They are asking the community for donations for their Emergency Pantry. There was discussion on background checks.

Montesano CERT: No one in attendance.

Medical Reserve Corps: Nora reported that on Aug 28th they will have a new vista member. The Corps has been putting together their fall calendar. Psychological 1st Aid, is scheduled for Oct 2, 2009. This class is open to Emergency Management responders, Citizen Corps, etc. They will also be conducting classroom ICS training for IS100 & IS700, dates are TBD. These classes will be open to anyone who would like to attend. Registration will be required. They will be participating in the Regional Hospital/Public Health Exercise July 8, at 1:00.

911: Glennis reported that they are starting to prepare for a Homeland Security Region 3 tabletop with other Communications from Pacific, Mason, Thurston and Lewis Counties, on September 29. They will be testing the communications abilities and looking for alternative methods, that does not rely on the

internet or cell phones. The objective is to have some type of regional interoperability with the radio systems. They will be looking for a common frequency that all agencies would be able to communicate on. There was discussion on the use of CB radios as a back up.

Salvation Army: Jodie reported that the new captains have arrived. They will be getting a vista volunteer the end of August. TSA attended the rally in McCleary for Lyndsey Baum and provided candles for the candlelight vigil. They have hired a new case manager and distributed over 16,000 pounds of food last month.

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

American Red Cross: Mike reported that the ARC helped provide food for the searchers in McCleary. They are working on moving the office, but have not decided on a location yet. The Emergency Management Service Coordinator will be moving to Grays Harbor, covering Lewis and Mason County also. They are working on getting more involved with CERT teams.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH): Monica reported that they will be participating in the Regional Hospital/Public Health Exercise also. The hospital has come to the end of their fiscal year grant and just received MRE's, 15 med sleds (evacuation sleds), and 30 more cots. They have been talking about doing another decontamination training for the decon staff. Monica will check to see if there are any surplus supplies that CERT teams might be able to utilize.

Mark Reed Hospital: No one in attendance.

GH PDA: No one in attendance.

GHC Sheriff's Office: Lynn reported that resources are tapped out with the search continuing in McCleary and gave an update on the calls they have been receiving.

Other Discussion:

Next meeting: Wednesday August 12, 2009