



**Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
 Wednesday August 12, 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/FD #8
Lin Butler	Citizen	Nora LeBlanc	GHPH&SS
Glennis Stamon	E911	Tim Simon	GH Comm Hospital
Tony Simone	GH College	Rebecca Adams	ARC
Cory Derenburger	211	Greg Osgood	Elma SD
Ken Walkington	MFD	Chuck Wallace	GHC DEM
Joy Carossino	Risk Management		

The minutes of July 8, 2009 were accepted as written.

Review of Calendar: Updates to the calendar:

- NOAA Weather Radio Month Radio Sale and Programming at the WalMart in Aberdeen, Sept 26th. 10 – 3:00. Flyers will be made available at the next meeting.

North River CERT: Sherryl reported that the HAM radio is up and running. The CERT team decided to do a news letter to get information out to their members that have busy schedules. North River has been annexed into Fire District 15 and the Fire District is looking for a new fire commissioner. One of the members of No River CERT may apply for the position. A couple of the CERT members will be attending the CERT Expo in North Bend.

Ocean Shores CERT: No one in attendance.

Westport CERT: Verna invited the group to a Freedom Walk on September 11 in Westport. This is a 2 mile walk that starts at 11:00am at the Viewing Tower and ends at the VFW. Also, Verna noticed that the Shoalwater Tribe has a trailer set up for emergencies, which will ease some pressure off of Westport. Lee Shipman is in charge of the CERT in that area. Verna reported that Aug 15th from 1-4 the Distribution Food Warehouse there will be having a reception at the new warehouse on Tyler in Hoquiam. Sept 12 & 13th she will be teaching a boat safety class at the Senior House. This is an 8 hour- two day class.

Grays Harbor College CERT: The college CERT will be taking the IS100 and 700 at the college, as a group, on line. They are currently working on putting together a tabletop exercise with exempt administrators on Sept 9. This exercise will be working on prepared response, mapping of the college, etc. with the Wa Assoc of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Aberdeen Fire, and Aberdeen PD. This exercise will be geared towards a Tsunami. They have been adding more to their first aid supplies.

North Beach CERT: Stephanie reported there were 60 people that showed up at the No Beach Fire District #8, 50th anniversary. They have started to restock their emergency pantry. Stephanie needs confirmation from anyone that will be participating in the CERT Symposium on September 19th. Please let her know www.GHFD8.com or www.ChocolateontheBeachFestival.com .

Medical Reserve Corps: MRC is busy ramping up for the H1N1 virus. Nora supplied their training schedule. Anyone interested in attending the trainings can contact her. There are currently 53 volunteers in the MRC. Depending on how things go this fall with the H1N1 virus the MRC may be turning to CERT members for help. Posters information below:
 H1N1 Fact Sheet - English:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/docs/swineflufact.pdf>

H1N1 Fact Sheet - Spanish:

http://www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/docs/swineflufact_sp.pdf

Prevent the spread of germs - English:

http://www.doh.wa.gov/phepr/handbook/hbk_pdf/prevent.pdf

Prevent the spread of germs- Spanish:

http://www.doh.wa.gov/phepr/handbook/spanish_pdf/germs_spanish.pdf

Cover Your Cough Poster:

http://www.doh.wa.gov/Topics/cyc/cyc_smpost.pdf

Be a Germ Buster, Wash Your Hands Poster – English/Spanish:

<http://here.doh.wa.gov/materials/be-a-germ-buster>

911: Glennis and Peggy attended IS300 training. Dispatchers went out with Hoquiam Fire and PD for National Night Out. Attendance was down, they had one less party than last year. Dispatchers helped staff the Emergency Management/Sheriff Office/911 booth at the Fair. 911 will be participating in the September Tsunami Communications exercise and the Full Scale Regional Exercise with HSR3. They are currently working with Fire Depts changing to unit based dispatch. This means they will tone out and tell the stations which units are scheduled to respond to the next call. They are in the process of changing all the protocols. It could take about a year to finish the process.

Salvation Army: No one in attendance.

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

American Red Cross: Mike reported that Rebecca Adams, Emergency Service Coordinator, will be moving her office here in October. ARC is moving that position from Olympia to GHC at the armory and staging emergency equipment around the county. There will be two emergency trailers staged in different areas of the county. They are trying to supply GHC with better response time.

Grays Harbor Community Hospital (GHCH): Tim reported that they will be participating in the Full Scale Regional Exercise on Sept 29th. They are currently doing roof repairs.

Mark Reed Hospital: No one in attendance.

GH PDA: No one in attendance.

GHC Sheriff's Office: Lynn introduced Chuck Wallace, the new Emergency Management Deputy Director. Chuck is a retired Fire Captain of 24 years. He moved to Grays Harbor County one year ago from Philadelphia. Chucks comes to us with years of experience with Incident Command and has been involved in many incidents. The fair went well. GHCSO is still working actively to locate Lindsey Baum.

211: Cory Derenburger answered many questions from the group. The western call center is closed and he is working out of Bremerton. They can assist people with getting connected with local services for sand bags, food, and emergency shelters. Their email is Peninsulas211@gmail.com Attached is a follow up email from Cory answering the questions asked.

Other Discussion: Chuck reported that a new secretary needs to be appointed for the committee. If anyone is interested and has a computer available, please let Chuck know. He would also like to know what the group would like to accomplish in the future. Tim Simon and Ken Walkington gave a brief history on how the Citizen Corps group began. Citizen Corps is the only forum that uses the DEM to coordinate with other agencies. Glennis felt the group gives a chance, on a monthly basis, to share what each group is doing and generates ideas. The 2010 Citizen Corps grant process needs to be discussed.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 9, 2009