

City of Clayton Citizen Corps Council (C-5) Meeting December 7, 2009 MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Sgt. Scott Dansie, Lynn Christ, Herb Yonge, John Hunter, Rich Veal, Rita Freeman, Harun Simbirdi, Hank Stratford

Members absent: Ron Busch, George Weberling, Leif Johansson, Joan Manning
Guests: Cathi Soule, Lynn Hoffman, Franz Hoffman, Pat Russell, Susan Dellisola

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair, Herb Yonge.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 5, 2009 meeting were approved and can be seen on the CERT website.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

DART presentation:

Lynn & Franz Hoffman of the animal rescue branch in LaMorinda spoke on DART, an advance CERT module (20 training hours) that addresses the need to rescue the whole family including pets. Resources are needed in every community. The county / animal services (CART) have cut back & can not facilitate disasters. The Hoffman's suggest that we add Unit 10 to the CERT training for DART to include preparedness for your own animals (20 – 30 minutes). For additional information on DART, please go to <http://LamorindaDART.org/>.

Herb: follow up - trail association planned to develop evacuation plan a year ago. Cathi may be a good resource to instruct on section 10 & work along with a DART group in Clayton. Scott: This would be a special off-set unit & not a component of CERT.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Coordinators

Zone 3 Rita/Rich: Fairly good response to email for updated information with available equipment/skills. Suggest possibly taking a survey during class for new members.

11/21/09 Drill:

Search & Rescue drill with the use of FRS radios and communication between the IC and the 4 teams/21 CERT members that checked out the downtown businesses. Nine businesses were involved and agreed to work with our CERT members. All agreed the drill went well. Good visibility for CERT with a picture in the Pioneer and in Facebook group '925CERT'.

CERT Liability & Good Samaritan Law Update:

Scott – proud of job team has done with Clayton CERT. There could be significant changes in how Clayton CERT operates due to budget & liability issues. CERT members are trained & designed to be self-deploying, but there are liability issues with being self deploying. Need to determine where the liability/coverage belongs, under state or city compensation, and who should be covered; C-5, all members, etc., and when? May need to cut back on training classes and emphasize the drills with already trained members.

C-8 Meeting Update:

Scott: Disaster Services Worker (DSW) Must stay on track with federal curriculum – ok to add, but do not change or subtract from federal training book. Good Samaritan law is in legislature to amend the wording that it now covers medical aid & medical care (rescue, etc.) – reasonable man standard.

CERT members cannot do anything until they sign in on the roster. Any action taken prior to signing in and you are on your own. It is extremely rare that law suits are successful in major disasters.

Would like to see CERT training reinforce self-management portion of the training. Be prepared for at least one week in case of an emergency.

Herb: Received 3 boxes of training books, but there are no funds for backpacks or helmets. Basic CERT vest & helmet may be all that we can provide.

Other considerations:

- if student wants a backpack and be an active part of the CERT team, they would sign the liability form and be part of the team.
- Request current members return their backpack if they do not plan to use it. Herb will draft a letter.

Clayton will get the 6 instructor shirts to be delivered next C-8 meeting at St. Mary's College 01/07/10.

Classes:

WC going to charge \$20 for administrative costs. City of Clayton provides incidental printing & Endeavor Hall to this date. Clayton may also need to charge for actual costs of training.

CERT Class 7 Evaluations:

Results look good. Unit 3 & 4 Medical Ops – Leif would like to expand this section & spend more time practicing.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes:

Members to provide feedback to Sue within 2 weeks. Harun to post on web site once Sue advises.

CAER Grant:

Rich working on application. Scott suggested we may be able to submit as a municipal agency (city). State Farm grant is another possibility.

Spring Class dates:

Wednesday night is still good and best to schedule so that our students can take advantage of the other Wednesday, January 27, 2010. Need waiver form/application for any make up people from other cities and prefers all 'guests' fill out the application forms.

CON Fire Meeting 12/9/09:

C-5 members discussed/answered questions/agenda items for the 12/9 meeting.

Dates for 2010 Drills:

Held until Feb 2010 C-5 meeting. Respectfully submitted by Sue Elliott

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