

City of Clayton Citizen Corps Council (C-5) Meeting – February 1, 2010

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Sgt. Scott Danise, Lynn Christ, Herb Yonge, John Hunter, Rita Freeman, Hank Stratford, Ron Busch, Leif Johansson, Sue Elliott

Members absent: Joan Manning, Harun Simbirdi

Guests: Susan Dell'Isola, Rich Veal

Police Chief, Dan Lawrence, presented Herb Yonge with The Volunteer of the Year 2009 award. Congratulations Herb, nice job.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 7, 2009 meeting were approved and are posted on the CERT website (www.claytoncert.org).

The group took a moment to remember George Weberling.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Scott: Disaster Services Workers (DSW)

C-8 Meeting: Due to not being a formerly recognized board - no longer forwarding funding – it is more of an information exchange. Many cities are associated with their Fire Dept. In our county we have city, county and police associated fire departments. No one is stepping up to plan for where CERT needs to go in the future.

Plan for Clayton CERT is to break it up into 3 levels; 1st level - one night – disaster information preparedness similar to what is presented at Neighborhood watch. No hands on, lecture only, and offered a couple times a year for free - informational/ presentation. 2nd level – formal 6 week class & sworn in to be covered along with volunteer training, etc. Covered under the city program – talked to state & city legal – and will now be recognized. Formally terminate association with the city and no longer covered once training is over. 3rd level – will include expanded training and drills. This will be offered to current CERT members that want additional training and to support the community during a disaster. These members will be sworn volunteers. We will focus our attention on this core group. A full time paid employee must be in attendance at all activities and will swear in disaster services workers.

Need to make contact with all CERT members that have gone thru the program. Need to look at a time commitment to continue as sworn volunteer.

Contact former trainees – no longer considered disaster workers or formal volunteers. We can request if they want to return their backpacks.

Level 3 CERT members may get some equipment and we will need to come up with helmets and vests for class/drill and use in cache. May move away from zone concept and use team leaders, responsible for a specific group of people. In light of the budget issues and liability issues this is our direction. Self activation goes against DWS. Secure yourself, your family & home and then rally at designated rally point. Each level 3 member will be sworn in at the spot and assigned a duty. See level 3 as an on going advance training. DSW have to be working in something that they are qualified/trained to work in. DSW has to be covered in the budget and is not approved for 2010. CERT not tied to funding and the DSW program.

Old Business:

CAER grant: submitted 1/13/10 by Rich Veal and Clayton CERT was granted \$500.

Susan Dell'Isola approached Fireman's Fund for a potential donation.

Spring Class dates: Scheduled & reserved Endeavor Hall with the drill at ConFire Training Center in Concord. 3/24 at Library for Disaster Preparedness Informational. Advance CERT training, medical ops & cribbing scheduled for 5/26

Recruiting: churches (Herb, Ron/Hank), banners (Leif/Herb), zone letter (Sue/Zone leaders) w/ brochures, former neighborhood watch participates (Herb), schools (Sue) and poster at library (Rich).

\$250 donation – to be used for cache stocking

Respectfully submitted by Sue Elliott