

CERT Core Group Meeting

April 25, 2019

Called to order: 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas

Members present: Dennis Hollatz, Iris Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Bob Beier, Elizabeth Zerby, Jerry Ibberson, Tom Karnauskas, Barb Ruhter

Discussion of past issues.

1. People just want to help during disasters. Do drills that practice skills. Drills with other agencies.
2. Bring in fresh new ideas from new members. Train with other CERT groups.
3. We asked people to do more than self-care, but they may have joined just for that.
4. Try holding more active events and less business meetings.
5. Too much repetition in CERT classes tends to be boring. Need more activities.
6. Have each county CERT hold a drill and invite other counties so we get more than one per year.
7. More hands-on training.
8. Need to do activities with combined CAER groups.
9. Training expectations – make it more fun, leave out repetition, leave out unnecessary sections like earthquakes.
10. CAER – do training for all groups together.
11. Let others train and badged to do specific tasks like damage assessment and sheltering. Create this new badged group. Develop skill sets that are needed.
12. Have one meeting bimonthly (even months 3rd Wednesday). Do a short 15-minute business meeting followed by training.
13. How do we organize CERT?
 - a. Rotate leaders of activities.
 - b. Have a paid person to organize like Shirley Woodfill did.
14. Tom Karnauskas – Need separate CERT meetings but participate in CAER meetings. Combine business meeting and training. We are functioning like a club.
15. Bonnie Johnson – Trinity Lutheran Church wants to hold the next CERT Class at their church.
16. Iris Johnson - We need to order manuals. We have none. Last three classes FEMA Pub shipped none to us from our orders to them. Had to manually print our own.
17. June meeting discussion – At first it was going to be about how to organize CERT and set a calendar of events for the year. Now it is going to be a 15-minute business meeting followed by search & rescue training for 45 minutes. Jerry Ibberson volunteered to lead this meeting. We may include refreshments. Iris Johnson, Barb Ruhter & Tom Karnauskas volunteered to assist Jerry. The four will meet at 6:00pm May 15th before the CAER meeting. Iris will send the other 3 a reminder on the 14th.
18. Tom asked everyone if they were satisfied with the meeting. Iris and Jerry were not.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.