

## CERT Members Meeting

Dec 18, 2019

### Called to order:

6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas

### Participants:

Bob Beier, Josh Bowe, Jerry Ibberson, Bonnie Johnson, Tom Karnauskas, Lois Nelson, Barb Ruhter, Sherry Segal, Tim Van Engelenhoven (and probably others)

### 2019 CERT Class Comments

- Good instructors.
- New instructor for both med ops classes. She handled the classes professionally.
- Fantastic group of students that can add skills to CERT.
- Establish guidelines for minors in class.
- Bob was there for every class & took on leadership. Wouldn't have been successful without him.
- Still difficult for most to make every class. I suggest switching to one class per week. It doesn't matter how long it takes to finish. Would like to try it for one class to see if we get more participants. One student said more of her coworkers wanted to join but couldn't due to scheduling issues. I had several others that I contacted had the same issue.
- Need more volunteers helping with the pre class planning activities.
- Discuss those that take the class for themselves versus those that want to join call outs and how to handle badging versus not badging.
- Should do a drill for final event rather than skills test.
- November may have been a difficult time of the year to get individuals to commit.
- There were many individual make up sessions, which put an added burden on the instructors.
- Brief introduction for Sheltering and using GPS was included.
- Suggest regular email reminders to help ensure people come to each session.
- Instructors need to set up before class time begins.

### 2020 CERT Class Planning

- Suggested to plan for September time frame to avoid long delay between recruiting efforts in August (Free Fair and Night to Unite).
- Start planning activities in June.
- Consider different scheduling
  - One class a week?
  - Hold class on Tue/Thu and make up sessions on Sat?

### Holiday Train

- Safety briefing before started before CERT was ready. Tom K repeated briefing for CERT.
- Safety Briefing after event was difficult to hear.
- Need to try and advise people not to come from the south.
  - Better/more advance direction to the public.
- Parking and traffic control should begin earlier.
- Additional Food Shelf collection point on south side.

## **Medford Shelter**

- Planning continues with Medford.
- Agreements with potential shelter locations are not in place.
- Lois requested a small meeting with Medford officials to discuss needs and expectations.
- Mike Johnson is writing a request for carts.
- Tom Karnauskas needs to work on sign boards for shelter entrances.
- Training for Medford volunteers will be scheduled as details are solidified.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

## **Next Meeting**

February 19, 2020

### Potential Topics

- Training opportunities for 2020.
- New educational opportunities.
- Maintaining physical space in basement.
- Sheltering Checklists (Crosswalks).