

**Steele County CERT
Members Meeting
11-May-2022**



Called to order: 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas

Location: Owatonna Fire Department – 3rd Floor

Attendees: Arthur Bartholomew, Mike Conrad, Sean Farley, Jennifer Heien, Lori Heslep, Dennis Hollitz, Jerry Ibberson, Colette Miller, Jean Reese, Sherry Segal, Tom Thiele, Tim VanEngenhoven

Approvals

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Old Business

1. Meeting delayed from normal schedule (20-Apr) due to CERT class in process.
2. CERT checking account was closed by Tim V. Check given to Kristen S.
3. CERT Class completed with 9 graduates.
4. Sheltering meetings are completed. New shelter bins will be compiled.

New Business

1. Everbridge
 - a. Meeting notices sent out using Everbridge call list for Active and Inactive CERT members.
 - b. Message was sent out using e-mail only.
 - c. Everbridge reported 123 contacts sent, 19 unreachable, 10 confirmed.
 - d. Individuals should check their spam folder in email.
2. CERT Class - Review
 - a. Hotwash for instructors held on 28-May.
 - b. Completing ICS material was difficult for some. Suggest adding a classroom session next time.
 - c. Confusion about make-up sessions resulting in contradictions between instructors.
 - d. Community Ed registration went ok and should be used again.
3. CERT Class – Future
 - a. Continue to use Community Ed.
 - b. Solicit participants at the SCFF.
 - c. Close the gap between the SCFF and class by holding a fall class. Intention is not to have 2 classes per year, but get on a regular schedule of fall class rather than a spring class.
 - d. Need to work on outreach to other areas of Steele County since the Community Ed program primarily reaches only the Owatonna area.
 - e. The Tue/Thu class schedule worked well and should be used again.
 - f. Possibly hold the final class on Sat?
4. Steele County Free Fair
 - a. Should continue to have a presence and solicit participants for CERT class.
5. CERT Volunteer Request
 - a. Owatonna Police Department is requesting assistance for the OHS homecoming parade On 30-Sep.

- b. Problems in previous years included lack of training, communications, and appropriate traffic controls.
- c. Kristen will take up problems with OPD.
- 6. Future Training Suggestions
 - a. Kennel Sheltering
 - b. Red Cross CPR
 - c. ARMER Radio
 - d. Medical First Aid
 - e. Additional CERT Units not included with initial training.
 - f. More interaction with professionals like several years ago:
 - i. Medford S&R many years ago
 - ii. Blooming Prairie Mock disaster

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Agenda items omitted due to approaching storm.

Next Meeting to be announced later.