

# Steele County CERT Members Meeting 17-Apr-2024



Called to order: 6:30 pm by Tom Karnauskas  
Location: Owatonna Fire Department – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### Attendees

Deborah Bailey, Arthur Bartholomew, Bob Beier, Bonnie Johnson, Phillip Parker, Tom Thiele

### Agenda

Discuss meeting schedule (frequency) and future meeting topics.

### Meeting Notes

Tom K opened the meeting asking for a discussion on meeting frequency and the desire to get back to regular meetings with planned topics.

For discussion, the "calendar" at right was presented to illustrate CERT activities and non-CERT activities. The CERT activities include historical items that CERT has been involved in, but may not be asked to participate in the future. The dates in green text indicate the current meeting schedule.

The group expressed a desire to return to monthly meetings. There would be a change in focus for the meetings to have an activity. Any business would take part as part of the gathering, but would not be the primary purpose.

Date	Training / Event	
17-Jan-2024		
21-Feb-2024	CERT Class (13-Feb thru 14-Mar)	
20-Mar-2024	CERT Class (13-Feb thru 14-Mar)	SKYWARN Spotter Class (19-Mar) Amateur Radio Class (26-Mar thru 18-Apr)
17-Apr-2024		
15-May-2024		
19-Jun-2024	Wenger Band Festival (15-Jun)	Reunification (Jun 11-13)
17-Jul-2024	GEM Days (Jul 18-20)	Move to Alexander Dr
21-Aug-2024	SCFF (Aug13-18)	
18-Sep-2024		
16-Oct-2024		
20-Nov-2024		
18-Dec-2024	Homecoming Parade, Holiday Parade	

The discussion moved on to discussing what topics would be planned for each meeting. A combined list of suggested topics was developed, shown below. Topics highlighted in yellow indicate the most desired training by the group.

Additional Suggestions	CERT Supplemental Training	Previous Training Topics
Stop the Bleed; Tourniquets	CERT Emergency Communications	Damage Assessment
CPR/AED Review/ Practice	CERT Firefighter Rehab	Bloodborne Pathogen
First Aid Refresher	CERT Flood Response	Shelter Exercise
Triage Review	CERT Traffic and Crowd Management	ARMER Radio Communications
Communication Table	CERT Tools for Leadership Success	Search and Rescue
Forms Review	CERT Exercise Swaps	
Animal Care	CERT Hazard Annex (natural disasters)	
CERT Bag Comparison		

## Action To Be Taken

- Tom K will ask to reserve the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of OFD for the additional meeting nights.
- Phil Parker will lead training for Crowd / Traffic Control in May
- Tom Karnauskas will lead training for ARMER radios in June.
- Bob Beier will lead training in July for CERT members to share / demonstrate how their bags are assembled.
- Tom Karnauskas will arrange CPR / AED training in August.