

## **CERT Minutes**

### **August 16, 2023**

Attendance: Jim Brunett, Mary Wadman, Karon Murphy, Charlie Rizzo, Steve Watkins, Deb McMullen, Tom Briggie, Laura Freese, Ann King, Cathy Faggioni and Sharon Denson

The meeting started with the Pledge to the Flag at 10 AM.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Regarding financial, we have closed the saving account as we were receiving pennies in interest but being charged dollars each month for managing the account. The money in savings was moved to the checking account.

Old Business:

Tom Briggie went through each scenario for our last drill we performed this summer. See addendum for each scenario listed and what was done. We all agreed this was a wonderful review of what we needed to do in a real life event.

The dates for the new TE CERT class will be coming later. Sharon remarked that we have become the go to classes and reference for Manatee County's CERT instruction. That was not surprising to any of us. We know we have the best teachers.

HAM radio class update: We do not have a date for the classes at this time.

Tom let us know that on Monday nights at 7:00 pm he does testing on the HAM Radios in the Pelican room of the Activities building if anyone would like to join him.

Tom also reported that the second Saturday of every month at 10 AM they go through a situation drill like a hurricane with EOC.

Steve reported that we have two new decals and they will be put on the trailer as soon as Dan returns and the wind dies down. It is very challenging to put on the decals on in the wind and with only one person.

Please give Tom any hours we spend doing work for CERT. This is very important as this turns into real dollars for disaster relief funds. Dollars are paid in part from the hours volunteers spend working for organizations like CERT.

Tom also passed out booklets that he put together for us to share with potential CERT members. Wonderfully done and it does an excellent job of showing what we do as CERT.

New Business:

Laura let us know the Gordon foods gives CERT a percentage of your purchase by setting the money aside. The credit is set aside for future CERT purchases such as the breakfast items we get. Let them know you are with "Trailer Estates-CERT" when we check out.

Tom reported that we moved our web site to GoDaddy as our current company was going to charge over \$500.00 for three years to host.

Tom also reported they are going to replace the HAM radio cable in the Pelican room. The existing cable has extreme gain loss.

On Saturday, Oct 14th from 10 - 2 pm Cedar Hammock is having an open house at their training site on 53rd. They would love our help again.

We will be purchasing lanterns rather than flashlights to keep in the trailers. Lanterns are more practical than flashlights.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Jim seconded it. Motion to adjourn passed at 11:20 am.

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## SUMMER CERT DRILL 2023

1. A tree has fallen on the road, completely blocking the roadway..

6515 Dakota

Yellow taped across the road to block off the road and called it in.

2. There is approximately 3 feet of water on the road. Cars and trucks cannot pass on the road. Some side roads impassible.

6570 Arizona

Roads are impassable Yellow tape across the road and called it in.

3. Power lines are down and arcing. There are residents in the area.

6503 Oregon Rd.

Neighbors are told to stay away and the road was taped off at both ends. It was also called in.

4. Two victims in their apparent 80's are displaced from a destroyed home. They are not breathing, pale and have no heartbeat. Flooding is close and rising with rushing water.

6727 Marina

Normally we do not move dead bodies. However when we called it in, it was decided because of the rising waters to contact EOC and we received permission to move the bodies and set up morgue.

5. Miss Fortune is a 79-year-old female. She has a piece of wood imbedded in her side. She is conscious, but her breathing is labored and she is pale and cool to the touch. She is whimpering softly.

DO NOT pull out the wood! She is going into shock so she is covered with a foil blanket to keep her warm and her feet are elevated. If her clothes are wet, take her clothes off first and get her dry. Then put on the blanket. If she is bleeding a lot from around the wood you can apply pressure in the area to slow down the bleeding if possible. If necessary apply a tourniquet above the wood. Call it in and see if someone can stay with her until help arrives.

6. As you pass this partially destroyed home, you can hear a voice crying out for help, "Help me, I'm dying!"

Call emergency, the house was deemed unsafe and did not go into the house.

7. Ms. Sheeza Whiner is 84 years old, screaming and crying. She approaches CERT member and demands attention for her toe. She says the pain is excruciating and she needs to go to the hospital immediately. She will not take "no" for an answer.

Call it in, get a volunteer to sit with her.

8. A car is overturned in the street. Upon examination you find a person trapped upside down in the car. You find that the person is a 29-year-old male visiting his grandparents and he does not know where they are. You notice he is bleeding from the head.

1816 Michigan

DON'T MOVE THE HEAD. Apply pressure to the wound. Call it in as an Emergency

9. Mr. Unlucky is a 60 year-old male who is found sitting on a bench. He appears dazed and has a bone protruding from his upper arm. Blood is spurting from the wound. He is apprehensive and says he is feeling faint.

1803 Illinois

Apply pressure to the bleeding spot to stop the bleeding. If bleeding continues then apply a tourniquet. Call it in as an emergency. Treat for shock. Lay him down on the ground, feet up and cover with a blanket.

10. Ineeda Nurse is lying on her back on the ground. She says she can not move her legs. She is crying and very fearful. She keeps trying to get up. She cannot follow directions.

6919 Park Lane

Can ask a neighbor or volunteer to stay with her. You can not move her. Call it in.

11. Calamity Jane is a 90 year-old who has bruises and cuts on her face. She says she cannot open her eye. When she does, she says the pain is unbearable.

2303 Bay Drive

This is a sign of head trauma or internal bleeding. Sit her down. Call it in as an emergency. Find someone to stay with her. You can not move someone.

12. Home is completely destroyed. Most of the contents are in the street and the roof is blocking the road.

2210 New York

Call it in. Block off the road.

13. A house on fire is large and threatens other homes nearby.

6906 Marlin Drive

Call it in. Don't go into the house. You can call out to see if anyone can answer.