

CERT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

BRECKSVILLE – BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

MARCH 2013 MEETINGS

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/21/2013

Time: 7:05pm-7:50pm

Location: Brecksville Human Services Gathering Room

A. General Announcements

1. CERT Association—The county wide CERT Association is reorganizing and our group needs a representative to attend this meeting. The meeting is usually held the 1st Wednesday of the month but not every month. Please contact Leslie if you are interested.

2. POD Inventory—The annual POD inventory was completed on 3/12.

3. County Wide Drill—The drill was held on February 10th. Sixty individuals from CERT groups throughout the county participated. The drill was an overall success.

4. Code Red—The Brecksville Code Red system was tested on March 20th.

5. April General Meeting—The meeting will be held on 4/17. The topic is water safety therefore the meeting will start in the Human Services Center and move to the indoor pool deck.

6. Summer Reminder—After the April meeting we will not have another General Meeting until September so please check your email throughout the summer months for volunteer opportunities.

B. Severe Weather

A presentation on severe weather was given by Melissa Mathys with particular attention paid to how lightning and tornadoes form. A new lightning theory states that positive and negative ions in both the atmosphere and on the ground interact to cause lightning to strike. The difference between a Tornado Watch and Warning was discussed. The Watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado. The Warning means a tornado has been spotted in the area. A new and more meaningful tornado scale was adopted in 2007 which incorporates wind speed and damage. Alert systems for severe weather were discussed. A new Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system was put into use as of April 2012. These alerts will automatically come to your phone if it is WEA capable. Severe weather guidelines developed by FEMA and NOAA state that you should know your risks for severe weather, be an example to others and take action by planning ahead with an emergency kit which includes a weather radio.

D. Next General Meeting—Wednesday April 17th, 7pm at the Brecksville Community Center, Human Services Room and the indoor pool deck. The topic will be Water Safety.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Schindler

Cc: E.Egut, J. Hajek, C. Jatsek, T. Dodd