

CERT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

BRECKSVILLE – BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

APRIL 2014 BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS

I. General Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/24/2014

Time: 7:00pm-8:15pm

Location: Brecksville Human Services Gathering Room

A. General Announcements

1. Drug Round-Up—this event will be held on Saturday April 26th at the Brecksville town square. Two shifts have been scheduled, 9:15am-12 noon and 12 noon-2:30pm. Contact Melissa if you are interested in helping.

2. POD training for NIMS—this training will be used to qualify volunteers for the PIV-I card. The focus of the training will be generic and include information that volunteers would need to know to participate safely and effectively at any POD in any community if mutual aid is required. Information that applies to a specific POD would be delivered to volunteers in a briefing at the time of the event. The training events require registration and will be held as follows:

(See the information below from a flyer that was sent by Sharon Nicastro)

POD Training for NIMS Credentialing

POD Staffing has been identified as a CERT task for purposes of NIMS credentialing.

While each POD has a unique design, there are principles and practices that apply to all PODs.

This training will allow volunteers to respond to requests for mutual aid in operating a POD after an on-site briefing.

POD Training will . . .

- _ Define a Point of Dispensing (Point of Dispensing).
- _ Identify the circumstances that trigger a POD.
- _ Provide behavioral guidelines.
- _ Describe potential job assignments.
- _ Apply ICS principles to POD operation.
- _ Explain the NAPH form.
- _ Discuss ways to assist individuals with access and functional needs.
- _ Discuss safety issues.
- _ Explain the importance of Ohio Responds registration.

This training is part of a comprehensive credentialing program. Completion of this course alone will not qualify an individual for the NIMS credential. This training is open to all volunteers regardless of whether or not they are pursuing the NIMS credential.

Registration is required. Please register with the person shown on the schedule. When registering, please provide, name, CERT, e-mail address, and phone number.

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 216-314-0896

Training Schedule

Date/Time	Location	Register With
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Strongsville Fire Station #1 11297 Webster Road Strongsville 44136	Sharon Nicastro snicastro@sbcglobal.net 216-469-0805
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Westlake Service Center 741 Bassett Road Westlake 44145	Tricia Granfors granforst@north-olmsted.com 440-716-4135
Monday, June 2, 2014 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Garfield Heights Civic Center 5407 Turney Road Garfield Heights 44125	Sharon Nicastro snicastro@sbcglobal.net 216-469-0805
Monday, June 9, 2014 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Cleveland Heights Library Lee Road Branch – Brody/Nelson Room 2345 Lee Road Cleveland Heights 44118	Karen Seidman kmseidman@gmail.com 216-314-0896

B. Severe Weather Awareness—Melissa Mathys

Since April is Severe Weather Month, Melissa discussed three aspects of severe weather: Wind, Lightning and Tornados.

Wind causes more damage than tornados. A Derecho is a storm that contains high winds of greater than 50 miles per hour and may be 100mph at the storm front. These storms are often associated with a shelf cloud and bow echo on radar and are very unpredictable. A microburst is a small area within a Derecho that is also very unpredictable and may cause considerable damage. The Mid-

Atlantic Derecho on June 29th, 2012 moved 700 miles in 12 hours, caused some deaths and left 5 million people without electricity.

Safety issues about lightening were discussed. If you can hear thunder, you can be struck by lightning; therefore you should immediately seek shelter. Of those individuals struck by lightening the highest percentage is while using a land line. If you are in a car during lightening, do not touch the searing wheel. It is safe to go outside 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard.

Tornados are rated from F0 (weak) to F4 (violent). Super cell storms produce the most hail, tornados, extreme winds and flash floods. The funnel cloud of a tornado can be on the ground for a minute to hours. The cloud usually travels South West to North East but is very unpredictable. A funnel cloud starts out white and picks-up the color of the debris as it moves. The average forward speed of a tornado is from 30 mph to 70 mph. Always be aware of potential severe storm conditions; warning signs are dark green skies, large hail, low clouds and a load roar. Plan ahead with a weather radio and apps on your cell phone that alerts you to severe conditions. These apps are available on the CERT web site.

C. Next Meetings:

Board Meeting— **NEW DATE AND LOCATION: Wed. May 21st 6:30pm, Brecksville Fire Station**

General Meeting— Wednesday September 17th, 7pm, Brecksville Human Services Center

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Schindler

Cc: E.Egut, J. Hajek, C. Jatsek, J. Winar