

CERT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

BRECKSVILLE – BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

Coordinator/Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/1/2010

Time: 6:30pm-7:45pm

Location: Broadview Hts. Coffee Shop

Attendance: Leslie Lesinski, Tom Kalvas, Jim Steiger, Marc Rubin, Carolyn Jatsek, Ed Egut, Brian Wolf, Pat Koss, Jill Gerber, Sue Schindler

1. September 15th General Meeting

Two speakers have been planned to speak on disaster preparedness from the Red Cross and Cuyahoga County Emergency Management. We will also do our backpack inventory. Some replacement items will be provided however the hard hats or bump caps do not need to be replaced. Those that attend the meeting will receive:

- “Tips for 1st Responders” flash cards
- Backpack inventory sheets
- Replacement gloves, masks and flashlight batteries

2. October 21st General Meeting

A scavenger hunt is being planned that will utilize communication and search and rescue skills. Jim, Tom, Marc and Brian volunteered to plan the event. A lecture to by Dan and Jarred from the Metro Parks rangers may be scheduled at a later date to discuss evidence handling.

3. November 17th General Meeting

This meeting will be a Holiday social with appetizers. We will also do a recap of the year and ask for input from members for planning the coming year.

4. Summer Home Days follow-up

Leslie sent thank you notes to both the Explorers and ABC Fire Extinguishers.

5. Web Site Update

Jim reported the updates and changes to the web site are still pending.

6. Citizens Corp

The Citizen Corp umbrella of coverage has been extended to other groups (i.e. Emergency Medical Corp) with the CERT groups being designated under a new subset called "CERT Association". The goal of this association is to increase consistency of training by consolidating and regionalizing the training events. Standardization of items for purchase is also a goal. The area fire chiefs will be voting on this proposal at the end of September.

7. Nominations for BBH CERT President

Brian Wolf and Leslie Lesinski have been nominated for president. Board members voted and Leslie will be the next president with her term beginning on Oct. 1st. A new position of Past President will be held by outgoing president Jill Gerber.

8. Open Board Positions

Members that may be interested in the open board positions will be invited to the next Coordinator/Board Meeting. We have open positions for Operations Coordinator for Broadview Hts. and Planning Coordinator for Brecksville. A Citizens Corp/CERT Association liaison is also needed. Marc Rubin has volunteered to be the liaison and attend these meetings for Brecksville. We will need another member to share this responsibility with Marc from Broadview Heights. Attendance to Citizens Corp for a certain number of meetings is mandatory for CERT groups.

9. Ideas for Next Year

A suggestion was made to cancel the June, July and August meetings next year and to also possibly combine meetings with other CERT groups.

10. Action Items:

	Item	Who is responsible	By when
1	Contact Dan Veloski about doing a Search and Rescue Evidence Handling lecture.	Not assigned	Report at Next Coordinator Meeting
2	Gather the necessary information to complete the POD Procedural Notebook and forward it to the Board for review and final approval.	Both Fire Departments	Report at Next Coordinator Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday Oct 6th at 6:30pm Broadview Hts. Coffee Shop

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Schindler

Cc: E.Egut, J. Hajek, C. Jatsek, P. Koss