

Montgomery County CERT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2014

Steering Committee Members in Attendance

Greg St. James, Program Manager	Jenna Agee, Outreach Coordinator	Patrick Benko, Social Media Coordinator
Steve Peterson, President	Ken Ow, Logistics Coordinator	Ben Koshy, Special Ops Coordinator
Carl Brill, Vice President	Tom Smith, Operations Coordinator	
Tricia Laut, Secretary	Kathee Henning, Training Coordinator	

Storm Camp:

First one is scheduled on 3/29 at PSHQ; The second one will be at the LDS site in Germantown on May 10th. Storm Camp will become a core offering and it is desired that eventually it will become a prerequisite to CERT Enhanced Training. The desire for Storm Camp is have it occur every 6 -8 weeks. The outreach mission has a goal of reducing 911 calls. Steve concerned about work load on vols. Greg thinks we're OK. Greg mentioned C.O.P.D.I. with Bat. Chiefs and his presentation to the group. It was explained Storm Camp is an opportunity to collect demographics and build a good data base. Steve remains cautious with the accelerated rollout of the program, however, supports the Program Manager's decisions. Steve emphasized that attendees and their personal information will not be integrated into CERVIS. Steve stated Storm Camp still needs a coordinator, but probably not a "working group" as it has now – CERT has an existing organizational structure (e.g., this Steering Committee)

Outreach:

- It was announced Jay Wilson was resigning on a positive note to pursue other personal interests. Jenna will become Outreach Coordinator.

Training:

- National Cancer Institute training will be on March 3rd (during the business day). There are 23 students, scheduled for 4 days a week. Friday's and weekends will have no class. There are no access or parking issues as the facility is not located on the main NIH campus.
- Choice hotels may also be interested in this grade of training.
- Next CERT BASIC class set for 4/9 on a Wed Sat schedule (note 5/10 is not a good practical date)
- Friends and family (F&F) CPR class dates is upcoming. Can do up to 30 if it's only the adult; limit 20 infant (because of training "manikins"). May include infant CPR every other time.
- During the February 15th final practical, all members are invited to attend. Anne M. will coordinate the "mock-victims". 7 JFB are supposed to be included. SSL forms mentioned: Need a tax number for the forms Mont. Co. Fire Rescue Association
- Molouge Report/discussion: 4 March class; day workshop at 6 flags with professionals at the park. In Chantilly VA formal classes can cost \$800/seat for a two to three day class

Operations:

- Snow coming; be prepared
- WMATA training-- Shady Grove rail yard 4/3 and 4/10. Members attending MUST arrive on time (delays class and reflects badly on CERT if late). Next year this event will be managed by Training versus Operations. There are 12 slots. This is a 2 day class.
- 14 June CERT Multiple Jurisdictions: Limit 9 people. Venue is Landover yard (has rotating rail car). Should encourage newer members to attend

Miscellaneous Notes:

- Steve reported that Montgomery County CERT leadership was interviewed and will be broadcasted on County Cable Montgomery eventually. There is no air date yet provided.

Meeting adjourned at 2051 hrs (E/T)