

President Melissa Barringer called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Attendees were:

Melissa Barringer, President
Karen Scheurerer, Outreach & Community Relations
Rachel Bush, Training & 'Technical Support'
Jimmie Tarlau, City Liason
Mark Grisar, Secretary
Tim Jenkins
Dr. Linda Green
Paul Ruffins
Mike Weekly, Guest Attendee, Upper Marlboro CERT

Pre-meeting activities included a Narcan Training for some 23 community members. Ms. Pamela Purvis of the P.G. County Health Dept. taught the course. Participants were schooled on identifying a fentanyl overdose and the 5 steps to take when one is encountered, among other valuable information. Individuals will be awarded a Certificate upon passing the training test. All were provided with the Narcan overdose packet.

Melissa and Karen reviewed their Feb. 7 presentation to City Council, describing our recent activities and future plans. The Council provided a number of outreach ideas for CERT to expand its reach and two attendees expressed interest in becoming support responders.

Melissa reported that CERT currently has \$1,600.00 in its treasury and has requested from the City a \$4,000.00 budget for next year. Also, we now have walkie-talkie radios and they are charged. The Deployment Committee will explore how to best store these for readiness.

It was noted that we need to develop a phone tree procedure, which we will come up with soon.

Rachel identified two areas of activity for CERT to set up in the near future:

1. A Deployment Plan, which includes such tasks as the phone tree and knowing how to set up an emergency recovery tent with supplies, etc.
2. An Evacuation Plan, including traffic control training, managing crowd surges and familiarizing with the escape map.

Committees will soon be set up to put these two plans together.

The earlier Narcan Training event was evaluated and pending feedback to the contrary, was declared a success. Thank you Rachel for putting this together.

Our next training for CERT members will concern the many emergency uses of Duct Tape, March 27, 2023.

The next two-day PG Cty. CERT training will be April 2 & 3.

The next CERT CON will occur in late Sept. or early Oct., location TBD.

We discussed and reached a consensus to try out the Square Space web site for a year at a cost of \$183.17 as a trial. The City's web site has not met our needs in a number of ways. Rachel will create a Mount Rainier CERT website using SquareSpace. The site will provide updates on what's currently going on, what we do, what's coming up and will make it easy for people to join CERT.

Karen will continue reaching out to the Fire Department to develop a liason with them.

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Mark will contact a Fairfax County CERT official to speak to our group about methods for developing a thriving CERT.

Melissa proposed Train Derailment emergencies to be added to the City specific emergencies that CERT should prepare for.

Meeting adjourned about 9 pm. Next meeting: 3-27-23, 7:30 pm