

**Mount Rainier CERT Meeting**  
**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Melissa Barringer  
Mark Grisar  
Sandra Joseph  
Tim Jenkins  
Jimmy Tarlou  
Rachel Bush  
Karen Scheuerer  
Robin Bliss (by phone)

**Highlights:**

**Last meeting Highlights:**

- Mark reviewed the highlights from the last meeting.
- Melissa reported that she asked the city about legal coverage for members, and did not hear back. Melissa will follow up on this, as will Jimmie.

**Bylaws:**

*Melissa reviewed the bylaws for group discussion*

- Article III discusses membership – no less than 5 members – no less than 2 fully trained.
  - Melissa noted additional training that was called out in the bylaws – She will follow up with Rasheed to clarify. There are 5 separate certifications required within a six month period. We may change this to within a 12 month period.
  - The group agreed to have two tiers of training - Fully certified members would be called ‘Lead Responders.’ Others would be called ‘Support responders.’

*Question – Are the FEMA courses on line?*

- Jimmy stated that we may amend bylaws so that the training is appropriate to membership. This requires further discussion.
- Article II Section 2 discusses types of membership
  - Active members attend regular meetings. A member is inactive if 5 consecutive meetings are missed. One is not allowed to vote if missed 5 consecutive meetings. You must attend two meetings to re-activate as active.
- Article IV discusses the Elected officers/ Board of directors.
  - Officers shall be elected for a term of one year.
  - Melissa recommended that we stagger terms so there is some layover and all positions don’t expire at once

- Members decided on staggered terms in November for President and May for Treasurer and Secretary.
- Melissa said that she will bring new language for the Bylaws for the next meeting.
  - It was suggested that “active” and “support” terms be revised for both Lead members and support members.

### **National Night Out Event:**

- Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5-8 pm  
CERT will have a table and a canopy. There is a CERT tablecloth in storage room.  
Melissa will be there entire time. We need to be there at 4 pm.
  - Mark will come at 4 pm to help set up
  - Jimmy (and Sandra?) 5-6 pm
  - Robin - 6-7 pm
  - Rachel – 7-8 pm
- Members should wear their CERT T shirts if they have them.
- We will talk about emergency survival kit / preparedness – what should you have in your house?
- Tim suggested ways to engage the public in conversations about emergency preparedness. For example, posing a question: Are you prepared if your electric were turned off for three days?
- We will hand out Flyers, preparedness survey cards, bottles of water.
- Melissa made a Motion that we buy a whiteboard and stand and dry erase markers. (Passed)

### **Future Trainings:**

- The members brainstormed on what sort of trainings we want to have on Monday evenings. Fire, flooding, heat, storm damage (trees down), power outage.
- Rachel discussed Narcam training and the difficulty in finding training. She suggested a larger training in the community would be beneficial if we could arrange it.
- Mark liked the idea of larger community trainings but we don’t have the experience as a group to do this. He would like the Monday night trainings to initially focus on CERT members to review and practice CERT training, so that we can gain more experience. We need to find a trainer to serve as a mentor to us, to review the CERT materials and training highlights for our group.
- Sandra offered to ask Rasheed to help us find this trainer.

### **Other events:**

There is another event hosted by the MRPD called Public Safety Night on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM**  
**The next meeting Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.**