

Meeting Notes for Mount Rainier CERT, 7-24-23

The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Barringer at 7:41, after having a difficult time gaining entry to the Police community room.

Attendees:

Melissa Barringer
Rachel Bush
Paul Ruffin
Council lady Danielle Carter
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Mark Grisar

The repeater, a booster for the walkie talkies, has arrived and will be tested this week to see whether it works.

Melissa made the motion, seconded by Mark, that if we need an antenna the group approves the purchase of one. Passed unanimously.

Our storage closet has been organized and labeled by Melissa and Rachel for ease of future use. We are looking for recipients of the left over packaged food in the closet.

In the meantime, 25 emergency foil blankets we purchased are missing.

We need the City's Emergency Operations Plan in order to help us in disaster planning. CERT members have edited and submitted suggestions for this plan but so far the City has not signed off on it. Danielle is investigating further.

No Police liaison to CERT has yet been appointed, to replace Lt. Sims, who has moved to Fla.

Finger printing/background checks are available at the Bladensburg Police station (301 864 6080). This is necessary to

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be eligible to be deployed by the County CERT. The cost is \$38 - \$52, depending on the level of clearance, which our CERT will reimburse.

We may need to elect a City Liaison. Danielle is checking to see whether this can be avoided.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1, 5pm to 8pm at the Fire House on Route 1. Police are providing a canopy for CERT; Rachel and Mark are setting up a table with water, first aid supplies and printed material.

We could use volunteers to greet attendees at our table.

Melissa made a motion, seconded by Mark, that we have 20 parking passes printed to allow parking in front of the Police Station during our meetings and events. Passed unanimously. Danielle will have them printed.

Anne Arundel County offers a certified Traffic Control Training in September. Details to follow. Members are advised to take advantage.

The Evacuation subcommittee, spearheaded by Paul, will be meeting soon. Danielle has provided written guidance in this regard. Rachel is setting up the meeting time and date.

We will be recommending to the City that when the Potts Hall construction is completed, that location be designated as an emergency shelter.

Melissa strongly recommend we review pages 4 – 5 of the CERT Basic Training Manual to brush up on disaster preparation.

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CERT Field Day is Saturday, September 2 from 10am to 2pm at the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Plan to take advantage of this training opportunity. More details to follow.

CERT CON is October 20 – 22. Details to follow.

The June 26 Meeting Notes have been read and approved.

This meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.