

## CERT Meeting Notes for 10-17-22

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

Attending were: Melissa Barringer, president  
Mark Grisar, secretary  
Karen Scheuerer, community relations, outreach  
& communications  
Rachel Bush, training officer  
Tim Jenkins  
Linda Green

Melissa conducted a review/practice of how to apply butterfly bandages to a wound, including the steps to take when confronted with an emergency and victims.

The By-laws were reviewed and changes agreed to. After a final review by members the By-laws may be approved at the next meeting.

Melissa was nominated for a second term as president.

CERT's participation in the Porchfest and Public Safety Night was reviewed. Differences between the two events were noted, namely the cultural disparity of the attendees, from one event to the other, as well as the difference in the number of people at the events.

Rachel, a former community organizer, will provide tips at our next meeting as to how to engage the public in our mission.

Karen proposed loosening the qualifications for Support Responders; Tim spoke in favor of being expansive in our membership. Attendees generally agreed with these proposals, which will be translated into the By-laws.

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Karen summarized a report she prepared about community outreach, including a racial breakdown of our community and her vision to expand our team to include members that reflect Mt. Rainier's racial diversity. Karen made SMART goals of our CERT team to have 10 Lead Responders and 30 Support Responders by June, 2023. We discussed strategies for reaching these goals, especially how to reach apartment residents and their community leaders. We will be asking the Mayor and Council to help us get in touch with key residents who can aid in expanding CERT's reach.

Rachel has created a spreadsheet that a.) tracks the training record of members, b.) provides links to upcoming trainings and c.) shows what kind of informal training we can provide at our meetings.

Members shall provide Rachel with their training record, including the date of training.

Please inform Rachel of potential trainers you may know who might do a training at one of our meetings. Her email is: [rsbusho1@gmail.com](mailto:rsbusho1@gmail.com).

Upcoming trainings include:

CERT Basic Training, Nov. 5 – 6

CERTCON Nov. 18 - 20

It was agreed that we should develop a 'CERT Library.'

The revised By-laws will be circulated among the meeting attendees for their review.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 pm.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 21, at 7:30 pm.