

CERT Meeting Notes AUGUST 21st , 2006

The meeting on August 21st, 2006, was held in the River Club and was called to order by Stephanie Lang at 3:00 PM.

Present were the following: Stephanie and Paul Lang, Marty and Phyllis Schuler, Tony Maddaloni, Harvey and Penny Minkoff, Bert Warner, LeAnn Smith, Binnie Thom and Martin Vaccaro, John Zinn, Mort Isaacs, Janice and Jack Ritchie, Bob Avery, Linda Anderson, Dick Bracken, Sandy Watson, Nancy Smith and John Zinn.

The June minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Communication: LeAnn Smith will post more hurricane tips on Channel 97 & the Waterlefe website.

Supplies: Martin Vaccaro said we received \$2,000 from the CDD for the fiscal year 2007 thanks to Tony Maddaloni's hard work. Of the \$500 we received for 2006, CERT has spent approximately \$122. After discussion, it was decided that radios would be purchased with the remaining funds. The fiscal year ends in September.

John Zinn reported that the county has VHF/Mobile radios and we should be able to procure 5 sets to upgrade older models. Paul Lang, Martin Vaccaro and Bob Avery are interested in taking the written online test to obtain their ham radio licenses.

Member Training: John Zinn reported that training for new CERT members in Manatee County would start on September 7th. At present, no new Waterlefe members have signed up.

Florida's annual training exercise will be held in Orlando at Universal Studios on September 23rd. Interested members are encouraged to participate.

Stephanie Lang reviewed some of the lessons learned at our last training exercise on June 17th. Some of the highlights reviewed included: use of the phone calling tree, use of radios, role assignments when moving to different sites, and use of the "Victim Sheet" during a drill.

Paul Lang reviewed radio protocol in order that the team may become more proficient & more standardized in our use of radio terminology.

Team Hurricane Preparation: Martin conducted a discussion of tips for making a decision as to when to evacuate. Most team members felt that they would stay if it was a Category 3 or less. The most important point made was to have a plan, and prepare lists of what you would take if you decided to evacuate.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

