

CERT Meeting Notes

MARCH 26th, 2007

The first meeting of 2007 was held March 26th in the River Club and was called to order at 3:00PM by Stephanie Lang.

Present were the following: Stephanie & Paul Lang, Harvey & Penny Minkoff, LeAnn & Peter Smith, Nancy Smith, Jack & Janice Ritchie, Tony Maddaloni, Phyllis Schuler, Ginny Carrey, Ted Hoffman, Linda Gratsch and John Zinn.

The August 2006 minutes were approved.

We had the following committee updates:

Communications: LeAnn Smith

It was decided to have CERT members call the new recruits from last year to remind them of our meetings and find out if they are still willing to participate. In order to attract more people, it was also decided to give the presidents of the various Waterlefe clubs handouts for their meetings to educate more people in the community about CERT. We will also re-use some of the slides and handouts used last year for Channel 97 communication.

Recruiting: Peter Smith

Acknowledgement was made that we need to stay active with trying to attract more people for our CERT team.

Other Waterlefe Emergency Plans: Tony Maddaloni

Tony has set up a spread sheet of all emergency plans and the current status of each. He has been attending the MPOA, Watch & CDD meetings to discuss their plans regarding protecting assets, emphasizing the need to have people aware of evacuation routes, and what to do in case of an emergency. CERT will collect plans and act as a repository for all the plans.

Supplies: Paul Lang

We have \$2,000 from the CDD. Paul discussed current needs. In order of importance, they are a portable weather alert radio for use at the Incident Command post, vests, knee pads (for central supply), rope and radios with better reception/wider range to replace some of the older models.

Training: Ginny Carrey

The CPR procedure has been revised. Ginny will look into the class to renew our certifications and also a First Aid refresher course.

Radio Licenses: John Zinn

Classes for the Ham Radio License will be held April 21st/22nd. Paul, Tony and Martin will take the course. John also reported that we now have 3 radios that will allow us to contact the EOC.

Other Updates: Stephanie Lang

All members should make sure we have enough home supplies for the upcoming hurricane season. Some CERT members have purchased weather alert radios. If purchased, the radio should be programmable in order to get only pertinent weather alerts.

Stephanie has been in contact with University Park and Lakewood Ranch who are organizing their CERT teams. University Park is very active and has been training people. They use training exercises similar to ours. There will be a Regional Meeting in May with Waterlefe, University Park & Lakewood Ranch.

At our next meeting we will elect new officers, have a tabletop exercise, have a radio practice and review "lessons learned" from previous exercises.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 23rd.