

Meeting Minutes

CERT Meeting 11/27/2018

Attendance

Carolyn Solon, President
Charlie Delaney, Vice President
Gary Greves – OEM Coordinator
LT Andrew Hart – Watchung Police Department
Lynn Franklin
Lorri Monetti
Karen Pennett
Pegg Ponzio
Don Pote
Helen Rebmann
Lynn Stahl
MaryAnn Weber

Agenda

Old business
New business

Call to Order

7:07 pm by President Solon

Old Business

- **Holiday Party – January 22, 2019, will include Bound Brook, Green Brook, Warren and Watchung CERT teams. SingUpGenius notification to be sent.**
- **FAST Team training (Functional Assessment Service Teams) presentation by Somerset County Mental Health Administrator Pam Mastro. Copies of the presentation will be sent to all members.**
- **Warming Center - supplies to be inventoried and updated by Charlie Delaney. Will need to purchase some new supplies due to expiration dates. (sugar, coffee, creamer, etc)**
- **Will need to purchase coffee pot for warming center and possibly extra extension cords.**

New Business

- **2018 Volunteer Hours – 13 activations, 238.75 hours to date. Presently we send Activation/Deployment reports to NJ State Police and Somerset County OEM. In the future, a Newsletter will be published by NJOEM/FEMA highlighting CERT team accomplishments. Photos of events are welcomed.**
- **Carolyn and Gary met with Mayor Stephen Pote, Mayor-elect Keith Balla and Thomas Atkins, Administrator to discuss OEM and CERT.**

- Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) – update due this year. Carolyn and Gary are working on the document. Once completed it must be approved by the Borough, the County and the State.
- Disaster Preparedness – all members should have a Go Bag with 72 hours/3 days of essential items. In addition, CERT members should speak with Watchung neighbors and friends to encourage them to prepare for disasters in advance. Register Ready – New Jersey's Special Needs Registry allows New Jersey residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends, caregivers and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency. However, residents are hesitant to sign up for this service. It was suggested we put information in the Watchung Newsletter and on the Borough's website.
- OEM Coordinator – Gary will be retiring this year. Watchung has not named OEM and Fire Inspector replacements.
- Watchung Rescue Squad – due to personnel shortages, the Watchung Rescue Squad has reduced their hours of coverage.
- November 15 nor'easter – Lt. Hart reported this fast developing storm caused hazardous road conditions and gridlock that strained all Watchung resources. However, overall, the borough did a very good job under severe conditions.
- Green Brook Turkey Trot – Thanksgiving morning.
- Somerville annual Holiday Lights Parade - Saturday, December 1. CERT volunteers needed.
- Watchung Rescue Squad – Tree of Lights, Saturday, December 1.
- Warren Yuletide "Bonfire" – will occur January 2019. CERT will be asked to participate.
- Watchung Borough Holiday Party – December 7. Do not forget to respond to invitation.
- 2019 Training – ICS 100 and NIMS 700 will be offered at Somerset County in January. CPR/ First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens/Right to Know and possibly Firefighter Rehabilitation (Incident Rehabilitation).
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – with Long Hill to be investigated.
- Borough Hotline – Police Department is overloaded during emergencies. CERT may be trained on how to answer hotline calls.
- CERT budget – still have funds in present budget. Same amount to be budgeted next year.

Next Meetings

- There will be no December Meeting. Four CERT Team meeting will be held January 22, 2019..

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Peg

Second: Lynn Franklin

Vote: Unanimously approved by voice vote

Time: 8:24 pm