

Citizen Corps Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2007

Attendance: Suzanne Benton, Sue Davis, Jeff Babcock, Linda Brown-Stowe, Norm Crawford, Lori Crawford, Jon Montano, Mary Jane Tarver, Dick Wetzler, Sue Vaughn, Doug Davie, David R. Osborn

Meeting called to order at 09:06 AM

Sue Davis asked visitors to introduce themselves:

- Sue Vaughn from Crestone introduced herself and informed the council that she recently completed the CERT Train the Trainer course. She can instruct others and hold classes now.
- Dick Wetzler from Forbes and member of CERT Team at Forbes

Sue inquired to other training avail. Within the Valley:

- Jon Montano with RETAC advised that lots of the training is available in the valley and is posted on the RETAC website.
- Sue attended the Healthy Aging Network and distributed brochures to the membership. Sue will be co-presenting with Cindy Bryant, PhD from CU Health Sciences Center at the Colorado Public Health Conference in September.

Jon Montano informed the council of a CERT Train the Trainer course he attended in Canon City with Sue Vaughn. The training was very realistic. Sue Vaughn expanded on her impression of the training advising that it was one of the best training experiences of her life. Question was raised if Jon and Sue V. are now qualified to conduct juvenile CERT training and initiating this in the schools. Jon believes they can in fact do these trainings. Sue D. inquired when they would like to conduct training and when they would like to have the volunteers noted. It may be an issue to have this event prior to the Christmas season.

Goals Citizen Corps:

- Lori assisting with an effort to complete a draft of accomplishments for Citizen Corps
- Sue will be attending the SLV County Commissioner meeting
- Will be attending the All Hazard's meeting Monday August 27th, 2007
- Communication Plan: On hold as Kimberly is on vacation. Once she returns, Kim will reduce and produce some notes regarding the communication plan to the advisory council.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor:

- Sue inquired about the recent program or meeting held here in Alamosa. Lori C. advised that the Alamosa Police Departments program is not part of ours and is completely separate. Lori also informed the council that there is a Neighborhood Watch type of program in Monte Vista? Sue D. will follow-up with Leroy Chacon regarding his program and any other

information He may be able to provide.

- Linda B. informed the council of an idea she is working on regarding individuals who reside “off the grid” (no electricity/power). Linda is going to research this program and begin documenting some names of affected individuals. Linda will keep us updated on her progress.

PHYSICAL ADDRESSES: Lori C. informed of the situation regarding 911 and/or first responders trying to locate an address of concern (emergencies etc.). There is a misconception that when you dial 911, the responders and/or communication individuals know where you live and how to get to you. Considering a recent circumstance she and Norm Crawford experienced, the ambulance didn't know what route to take or how to reach the Crawford's home. Lori is attempting to work with Pam Stewart and the Colorado State Patrol surrounding this concern. Jeff B. informed Lori C. and the council how the “mapping” system worked from the Alamosa CSP Dispatch Center. Currently the first responders don't have any GPS in their emergency vehicles. David Osborn explained how the address system works in Alamosa County and what he did when assigning himself an address. Jeff said you must have a land-line phone or a cell phone has GPS tracking capability to verify your physical address. Jeff also advised how the address updates occur with local Land Use and phone companies.

- Lori brought up a second issue she maintains with the community and lack of knowledge residents have to assist during an emergency. Lori believes residents should be all trained how to react when someone needs emergency services. Lori thought if citizens could go to the person needing or requesting services and simply hold their hand or perform CPR should the situation dictate the same. Mary Jane thinks there should in fact be more CERT Teams in our communities.

CENSUS: Suzanne Benton advised that counties should have received. A notice recently regarding census. This effort will be initiated again soon. Suzanne thinks a committee could/should be established to help/assist in providing factual information. Consensus was to wait to form this committee.

Red Cross:

Jon M. said he received a phone call yesterday regarding Red Cross assisting first responders in addition to citizen's requiring assistance. They (ICS 300 class) were told/had info. That Red Cross would only help citizens that are displaced. Jon, Lori and Norm Crawford said they can indeed help first responders as well or in addition to residents. Lisa Werts, Coordinator for the SLV Red Cross also informed Jon M. that Red Cross will help first responders.

Norm said there are some things the Red Cross can't do that include: providing transportation to individuals and people wanting/requesting travel out of town/state to visit or see a relative in the hospital etc.

David Osborn will prepare a correspondence to send out to all students who attended the recent ICS 300 and 400 classes regarding the priorities of Red Cross and, in short, RED CROSS WILL HELP FIRST RESPONDERS AND DISPLACED RESIDENTS.

OTHER TRAINING:

-Jeff Babcock informed the council of the recent RUBICON training that several individuals participated in on the Western Slope.

- Jon Cordero
- Jon Montano
- David Osborn

Jeff informed the group that he should hear about the funding for next year's Citizen Corps grant in September.

Jeff mentioned new coordinator for State HLS, Mason Whitley, started last week.

Jeff B. & Dave O. are working on the credentialing process with the state to create standards and help protect rural areas in this process. Will not credential until state sets minimum standards which should meet the federal standards.

- Tiered system – 1) Responders who may deployed to federal disasters,
- 2) Deployable w/in state of Colorado,
- 3) Local deployment in SLV.

Sue Vaughan asked if there was a state credential for the CERT training. Local CERT training certificate – will credential with certificate and NIMS training for example.

Norm's new disaster cell phone number is 480-9997. Works except when he is at home. Jeff recommended adding to voicemail the numbers that people could use to reach him or the appropriate disaster on call staff/volunteer.

The disaster number at Red Cross is 587-3015.

Mary Jane asked Sue and Jon if they would provide a CERT refresher. They will look into this.

E-mail from Angie Binder (State Citizen Corps Coordinator) notified Sue that the following brochures are available:

- Ready CO Pack A Kit Checklist (Eng/Span)
- Pandemic Flu – Get Ready

Sue will order 200 copies of each. Contact Sue Davis at 754-3692 or 588-2481 or suedavis@fone.net for brochures or if you have questions.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am.