

**LCERT Board Meeting Minutes- October 14, 2010  
6:30 p.m.- Earth Fare Supermarket, West Ashley**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Tom Crosby	Marcia Guthrie
Dave Dawson	Nick Marino
Danica Sancic	Greer Farrell
Jim Tarter	Art George
Barbara Eggers-Parker	Alan Laughlin
Deb LaRoche	Kathy Schroer

The minutes from the July 14, 2010 meeting were accepted as written. They are available on the website with all other meeting minutes.

Dave Dawson presented the financial report. We have a balance forward of \$3,627.03

**Old Business:**

Concerning the Volunteer of the Year Criteria and Award, we Reiterated that The Membership Committee will decide on the 2010 Volunteer of the year in December and will design and order the Award to be presented at our annual meeting in February 2011.

Jim Tarter went over his CERT Advisor's Report for September 1 to October 13, 2010 (This is available on the LCERT website). There were very many emergency preparedness events this year including the events at Lowe's, North Charleston, James Island and West Ashley and also Home Depot in North Charleston.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Lowe's event in North Charleston hosted 30 vendors and 20 emergency and fire vehicles. Lowe's is very excited about working with us and the next event will be May 21, 2011 from 10-2 pm in North Charleston.

Dave Dawson reminded us that we had no takers for the \$2500 orthodontics certificate offered by Dr. Livatori (Mount Pleasant). Is

anyone interested in making a bid for this silent auction certificate?  
The only bid was for \$250

Should we consider raffles at our events? Dave took this as an action item.

### **Fall/Winter CERT Classes**

There will be no public classes offered this Fall or Winter

### **New Business:**

#### **Kiawah/Seabrook CERT Classes**

This class will be combined and requires a minimum of 25 students. They have agreed to make a donation to LCERT of \$150/student for a future class. Will there be enough students for an October 23<sup>rd</sup> start date?

Other training requests:

Basic and advanced weather spotter classes are being offered. Please refer to the CERT Advisor's Report for further information. James Island CERT classes are listed on the website. Everyone is invited to attend. Information about registration is on the website.

Nick Marino from Berkeley County EPD discussed getting the BC CERT program moving and partnering with Charleston County. He wants to be certain that their requirements complement ours and there are no differences in criteria. He mentioned that there are candidates available for BC advisor (including him). He also mentioned reconfiguring teams once Dorchester and Berkeley get their programs in place.

Rob is still working to get Dorchester County program going.

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The Annual Meeting will be held on February 26, 2011 from 11-5 pm at James Island County Park at the Edisto Shelter (same as last year). Very nice location! We have already paid \$250 for rental. It was decided to pay the rental fee in advance to assure we secure the shelter.

The cost will be \$20 per family with another chili cook off (but no oysters). Folks will be asked to bring a covered dish.

We discussed having a gift raffle or door prizes. We could also collect things in advance from members and maybe also gift certificates for a silent auction.

### **Committee Reports:**

Election Committee: Danica Sancic

Elections scheduled for 2011 are: Treasurer and Vice Chair. She moved that we follow established election procedures.

Continuing Education: Greer Farrell

Reported that she is working with Anchor Signs to get the Ready Lowcounty tablecloths ready (with logo and all three counties listed). Colors will be green and yellow.

Membership Committee: Barbara Eggers-Parker

Reported that the committee will meet in December to select the volunteer of the year.

**Open to the Floor:** Tom mentioned that we have been invited to do crowd control at the MP Christmas Parade, December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:45 pm. Does someone want to do a float? Please contact Tom if you are interested in participating.

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Jim mentioned that LCERT is getting more local recognition now than ever before. The word is getting out about our work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next Meeting is the Annual Meeting in February as mentioned earlier. The board will meet again January 12 at 6:30 pm (location to be determined).

Submitted:

Barbara Eggers-Parker, Secretary

## **LCERT Board Meeting, October 14, 2010**

### **Charleston County CERT Advisor's Report, September 1 to October 13, 2010**

Low country CERT participated in the following Events and training.

#### **EVENTS:**

##### **September 3, Charleston Riverdogs promote Septembers' National Preparedness Month**

Low country CERT and The State Citizens Corps Coordinator, Chris Perez joined with the Charleston Riverdogs Baseball Team to promote citizen preparedness for National Preparedness Month. LCERT Members had a table set up on the concourse to hand out promo items, including raffle tickets for some preparedness starter kits. LCERT Members also distributed Ready Lowcountry preparedness materials. The Riverdogs also showed preparedness messages on the jumbo-tron. This is the Second time this year we have joined with The Riverdogs Baseball Team to promote emergency preparedness.

##### **September 25, Lowe's West Ashley Safety Saturday**

Lowcountry CERT and Charleston County EMD joined with West Ashley Lowe's, The Home Safety Council, and fire and life safety professionals from our community to promote National Preparedness Month. Lowcountry CERT members partnered with local fire departments and public safety organizations to provide home safety materials and emergency information. Lowe's held Build & Grow Clinics. Fire trucks, A Fire Safety House and other emergency vehicles were on display in the store parking lot.

For Octobers' Fire Safety Month Low country CERT and Charleston County EMD participated with local fire departments and public safety organizations in the following events:

##### **October 2, HOME DEPOT, Northwoods KIDS SAFETY WORKSHOP**

##### **October 9, LOWE'S, Northwoods FAMILY SAFETY FAIR**

#### **TRAINING:**

##### **September 17, Kiawah & Seabrook CERT Training Meeting**

In anticipation of holding a CERT training class on either Kiawah Island or Seabrook, a meeting was held with representatives of both Islands' CERT committees. It was decided it would be a combined Kiawah, Seabrook class with a minimum of 25 students. They agreed to pay \$150.00 per student to Lowcountry CERT as a donation. The class will be held every other Saturday for two months at Seabrook. The proposed start date is Oct 23, providing they are able to fill the class.

##### **September 28, SKYWARN Basic Weather Spotter Class**

Charleston County EMD Hosted a SKYWARN Basic Weather Spotter Class. SKYWARN™ is a voluntary program developed by the National Weather Service (NWS) to improve the warning program. SKYWARN™ volunteers serve as storm spotters for the NWS and local emergency management programs. Thirty one participants attended the class.

## **UPCOMING TRAINING:**

### Free SKYWARN™ Weather Spotter Class

Charleston County Emergency Management Department is offering free classes for citizens who want to help warn officials about local weather changes.

Anyone interested in becoming a SKYWARN™ weather spotter can attend the NWS basic and/or advanced weather spotter training classes, which are hosted by Charleston County Government. Classes are free and last approximately two hours.

The Basic Weather Spotter Class is required to become a certified NWS SKYWARN™ weather spotter and to take the Advanced Weather Spotter Class. The advanced class provides additional information and training to those interested in learning more than is provided in the basic class.

### **Basic Weather Spotter Class (required to take the advanced class):**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 2010

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Charleston County Public Service Building  
Third Floor Room 339 (Emergency Operations Center)  
4045 Bridgeview Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405

### **Advanced Weather Spotter Class:**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 2, 2010

**Time:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Charleston County Public Service Building  
Third Floor Room 339 (Emergency Operations Center)  
4045 Bridgeview Drive  
North Charleston, SC 29405

To register for the basic and/or advanced classes, contact James Tarter, Training Coordinator for the Charleston County Emergency Management Department, by phone at (843) 202-7405 or by e-mail (preferred) at [jtarter@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:jtarter@charlestoncounty.org).

### James Island/Folly Beach CERT Team Meeting and Training Programs, 2010 – 2011

#### **ALL Low country CERT Members are invited to attend!**

There is a proposed schedule for the next 14 months On the LCERT website; [www.LCERT.org](http://www.LCERT.org)

Dates and topics more than 6 months from September 2010 are subject to change and/or revision.

They will be adding other events as they are available. Unless otherwise noted Location & Time to be:

**JIFD Station 1, Camp Road, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

For further information please contact: Mark Johnson, C4A Team Leader at: [markoana@knology.net](mailto:markoana@knology.net)