# Low Country CERT Meeting- November 6, 2013 Charleston City Police Department, Lockwood Avenue, Charleston S.C.

Attendees: Jim Tarter, Dave Dawson, Tom Crosby, Valarie White, Harry Sosa, Tom Robinson, Barbara Eggers, Charles Fox, Charlie Kaufman, Joe Sacca. Sr., Diane Fox

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Tom Crosby.

August LCERT Meeting Minutes- Tom moved to accept the minutes, David seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously. Review all minutes at www.lcert.org

**Financial Report**- Dave Dawson reported that we presently have \$9165.65 in our treasury. We have received \$247.33 from the United Way. Donations to Del Webb CERT were \$620.

We have cancelled our Post Office Box in North Charleston and our mail is now going to be: Lowcountry CERT c/o Charleston County Emergency Management Dept. 8500 Palmetto Commerce Parkway Ladson, SC 29456

# **County Reports-**

Dorchester County- Will be holding a CERT class in February 2014.

Charleston County- Jim Tarter advised that the county will receive \$9K from a Citizens Corp Grant; grant money to support Teen CERT. Next Charleston County class will be in the Fall of 2014.

Berkeley County- CERT class is finishing up tonight.

**TEEN CERT** Valarie presented news from this great new program:

- Graduated 11 new members

- Acted as safety marshalls at the James Island Connector Run

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- -Club 9112- middle schools include 4 West Ashley Schools
- 18 TEEN CERT Post members
- TEEN CERT is holding 10 of the LCERT radios
- There is a BB&T bank account for events (not an interest bearing acct.)
- -Check all news from the Teen CERT program on the website. Something is always happening thanks to Valarie and Harry!!! www.lcert.org

#### **EVENTS PLANNING-** Defer

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**- still looking for the Chair of this Committee. Please let us know if you are interested. The job description is available on the LCERT website.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next Annual Meeting- That meeting will be held on Saturday February 22, 2014 from noon-4 pm at the Charleston County Volunteer Rescue Complex, 2521 Rescue Drive, North Charleston 29465. More information will come with the final agenda.

Referendum to change our election cycle: This will be on the ballot to elect the Chair and Treasurer in the same year and secretary and Vice-Chair the other year. If approved this change will take place in 2015.

Counties please update your membership lists so they can be provided to the membership committee who will be running the election this year. To vote you need to be a member in good standing and your name needs to be on the voting list.

### **ELECTIONS:**

This year the following offices are open for election:

Chair- Open (Tom plans not to run but will if needed) Vice-Chair- Open (Kathy moved and resigned) Secretary- Barbara plans not to run and won't volunteer)

## **Open to the floor:**

Triathalon in April 2014- Charles Fox, Diane Fox and Valarie White announced that they are looking for volunteers for this event. Please contact Diane Fox at diane@trycharleston.org or 843-296-4284

Tom Robinson mentioned the Chpter Meeting at MUSC which is geared towards first receivers instead of first responders. This is a potential good source of members and new volunteers.

No meeting date was set before the annual meeting. We will call one if needed.

Meeting closed at 6:45 pm

Motion: Tom Second: Dave

Ayes have it!!!!

Barbara Eggers Secretary