

Low Country CERT Quarterly Meeting- May 9, 2012

Location: Low Country Food Bank

Attendees: Tom Crosby, Jim Tarter, David Dawson, Barbara Eggers, Susan Clark, Alan Laughlin, Amy Kosar, Harry Sosa, Valerie White, Carol McKinney, Walt McKinney, Chuck Quinn, Kyle Gillun

Special Guest: Justin Kier- S.C. Emergency Management Division, Columbia, S.C.

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

Minutes of the Annual Meeting- February 2012 were approved by all.

Motion to approve- Dave Dawson

Second- Tom Crosby

Financial Report- Dave Dawson reported that the financials have not changed since the Annual Meeting except that we have received a check from United Way for \$54.51.

Dave Dawson wrote a check for Barbara Eggers to purchase postage stamps to meet her duties as secretary of the chapter (\$44).

Jim Tarter made several announcements:

The Dorchester County CERT class is ½ completed.

The Berkeley County class starts tonight on May 9th.

Charleston County has received a Citizens Corps Grant for \$4400

There will be a 3 day statewide EOC Exercise starting June 6th.

Four people will be attending a TTT program for CERT in Columbia.

The next Charleston County CERT class will probably take place in August.

The curriculum has been redesigned and the new books will be used. Jim mentioned that the basic material has not changed.

New Business:

Susan Clark announced a Membership Committee Meeting following this meeting tonight.

New Business Continued:

Alan Laughlin announced the Hurricane Expo at Lowe's James Island scheduled for May 12th 9-1 pm. 18 organizations have signed up to be present including fire departments and rescues groups.

Justin mentioned that the new Earthquake Guides from Columbia are now ready.

Amy Kosar announced that they are working on Disaster Preparedness for children in conjunction with the Girl Scouts. The program will be ready next year.

Hurricane Guides- Ready Low Country materials are ready. Changes to these materials are under discussion.

Hurricane Expo at Lowes, North Charleston is scheduled for June 2, 2012 from 11-3 pm. 12 organizations are scheduled to attend so far.

The Isle of Palms Disaster Expo will be held June 13th, Wednesday from 5-7 pm. Contact Jim Tarter or Tom Crosby for more information.

Teen CERT Explorer Program- There was discussion about this program and its start up led by Harry Sosa and Valerie White. They plan to have this program underway this summer.

Start a Youth Preparedness Committee with the Chair- Harry Sosa and Co-Chair Valerie White. All approved.

Motion- Jim Tarter

Second- Dave Dawson

Tom Crosby led a discussion about LCERT membership. He reminded us that LCERT is run by the members and we all need to take responsibility for reaching out to our neighbors and other members to get everyone involved.

Anyone can attend LCERT meetings and we as members should feel free to invite others. We need to take charge and be certain that our teams are working together, we are participating actively, making suggestions, sharing ideas and communicating.

Communication systems are needed. What if a disaster happens and we are not at home but are “stuck” somewhere else? Who do we contact? Do we have the information necessary to contact team leaders and liaisons? Do we know the rally and rendezvous points for the area that we are in? We all need to have this information available in case we are located away from our home territory.

Justin announced that statewide information is available to everyone on the website: www.SCEMD.org.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8TH,
WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED AND
ANNOUNCED LATER.**

Thanks to Amy Kosar for hosting us at the Low Country Food Bank and thanks to Justin Kier for attending this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Barbara Eggers
Secretary