

# ORANGE CERT MEETING MINUTES

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Kenneth Lyke, Orange CERT Team Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in Attendance: Ken Lyke, Marisa Russo, Susan Smith, Allen Mushin, Bruce Backer, Mike Pritz, Lisa Sen, Lynn Knight, Anne Davis, Mike Davis, Jim Brandt, Lisa Hartshorn, Larry Hartshorn, Josh Michels, Chris Shaw, Maria Russo, Tino Russo

WEBSITE: Bruce Backer spoke about communications and creating a website for CERT. Both Bruce and Lisa Hartshorn are looking for the right hosting and domain solutions for our needs.

HAM RADIO PROGRAM Website

<https://www.weather.gov/okx/>

Annie Davis added SKYWARN spotter class is a class on what types of clouds there are, how to spot a potential storm by the cloud formation, etc. Then they give you a Certification #. They rely on local 'spotters', to call them directly to report storm activities, like hail the size of a quarter, or strong winds. They get a lot of their vital information from regular people on the ground.

MEDICAL: Bruce also spoke about *Stop the Bleed Course*, a program designed to teach the lay public the fundamentals of how to recognize and intervene upon severe bleeding. A discussion led to the proper resources (gauze pads) to control bleeding. Bruce specifically stated that even though CERT is NOT a medical responder we may be there to assist.

Anne Davis raised the concern to Bloodborne pathogens which are infectious microorganisms in human blood that can cause disease in humans. These

pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B (HBV), hepatitis C (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

A course will be looked into on how to avoid exposure to these pathogens.

Tino Russo swore in Josh Michels under the Emergency Management Oath 2019.

COMMUNICATIONS: Tino Russo spoke about the threats with cyber or cybersecurity threat which is a malicious act that seeks to damage data, steal data, or disrupt digital life in general.

Examples of greater threats would be school security (student data) and nuclear power plants where hackers manipulate the systems that control a nuclear reactor.

TEAM LEADER: Ken Lyke spoke about the housing of CERT meetings since the renovation on HPCC. It appears at this time that the only available spot would be HPCC Probate Court Office, Orange Police Department Conference Room, or Orange Public Library.

A discussion led to possibly changing the CERT meeting dates to the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of the month.

This will be further looked into.

Ken Lyke shared some information on Manchester, a leading state wide community CERT Team. Orange CERT has been invited to attend their monthly meetings which take place on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month. Recruitment of new members is vital to any volunteer organization.

TRAINING: Anne Davis reported that she is looking into CPR training under the guidance of Susan vonRabenstein sometime during May/June/July.

**PHONE TREE** - Tino Russo mentioned the two possible options for CERT.

1. Going through the police department dispatchers using the Everbridge System

2. Activation through cell phones for TEXT messaging.

RADIOS –More powerful radios will be distributed to the executive board members after programming by Tony Cuzzo at utility communications.

POLICE ACADEMY – RECRUITING The Orange Police Department is offering a ‘Citizens’ Academy’, where you can participate in an eight-week program that will help you better understand the role of police officers in your community.

Sign up by April 12. Classes begin on Wednesday, April 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Relay for Life	May 18-19
Memorial Day Parade	May 26 - RD May 27
Fourth of July Fireworks	July 5-RD July 6
Orange Volunteer Firemen’s Carnival	August 1,2,3,4
Orange Agricultural Fair	September 21-22

Allen Mushin was presented a picture collage from his *years of service party*. Thank you to Jude Toohey, photographer.

A tour of the Orange Police Headquarters newly renovated dispatch center was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Susan Smith, Secretary

APRIL CERT MEETING location TBA