

## ORANGE CERT MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

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*Patrick B. O'Sullivan*  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Kenneth Lyke, Team Leader

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Marisa Russo, Ken Lyke, Joseph Han, Scott Massey, Jeff Cap, Justin Taylor, Jude Toohey, Larry Hartshorn, Lisa Hartshorn, Susan Smith, Maria Russo, Tino Russo, Allen Mushin

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tino Russo reported on Workers Compensation Paperwork which needs to be filled out prior to a scheduled CERT Activation.

Tino also went over radios and the importance of the plug-in earphones and how to route the wire as not to have interference with clothing. Wires should be placed under the shirt as not to become disconnected. All CERT transmitting are to report to INCIDENT COMMAND and NOT with each other. The correct channel will be relayed after sign-in is complete.

TEAM LEADER Kenneth Lyke read a "Thank You" letter from Donald Foyer, chairman of the Orange Fire Department in regards to CERT assisting at the Orange Fireman's Carnival.

A website, which was provided by Anne Davis, consists of 'flashcards' review. It gives a great refresher and sees what areas we are well versed in and which areas where more training is needed.

<https://www.cert-la.com/cert-training-education/cert-flashcards/>

**OLD BUSINESS** A discussion arose over the last two events: Fourth of July Fireworks and the Orange Volunteer Carnival Fireworks. Certain precautions are taken any time you are near public firecrackers or other pyrotechnics. The fire- lines do exactly that, and are to be reinforced each time.

Exiting traffic seemed to be a concern. Sometimes there are last minute decisions from The Police Department and Fire Department that DOES NOT REACH CERT. It was decided that the STRIKE TEAM Leader will be stationed by the firetruck to hear and relay commands to CERT Incident Command.

The Orange Agricultural Fair sign-up was passed around.

**Upcoming Events:**

October 6--- Bethany Harvest Fair (9:00-2:00)

October 26--- Orange Land Trust Hike (has been cancelled)

October 26---CVS Drug Take Back

October 26---Funtober (Trunk or Treat)

November--- CERT Wreath displayed Library

December---Holiday Tree Lighting and Tractor Parade

Orange Police Department Lt. Heather LaRock will be offering a DE-ESCALATION workshop at the HPCC Tuesday, October 22, 7:00PM. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER CERT MEETING FOR OCTOBER.

How to respond to a certain behavior is often the key to defusing it. *De-Escalation* tips are filled with simple and effective strategies to help you:

- Stay calm.
- Manage your own response.
- Set limits.
- Handle challenging questions.
- Prevent a physical confrontation.

**CERT LISTS and EMAILS /CELL NUMBERS need to be updated. Kenny Lyke and Jude Toohey are presently working on this task. If contacted, please respond to complete this job.**

**Submitted by:**

**Susan Smith, Secretary**

*In Memory of:*

***Anne Davis***

***(August 24, 1959 - September 23, 2019)***

***Your memory will be forever with us.***