

ORANGE CERT MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2017

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Tino Russo, Acting Team Leader.

Peter B. O'Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in Attendance: Susan Smith, Marisa Russo, Maria Russo, Tino Russo, Josh Michels, Ken Lyke, Lynn Knight, Lisa Sen, Bruce Backer, Chris Shaw, Justin Taylor, guest

A sympathy basket was sent to the Mushin family.

Committee Reports:

COMMUNICATIONS Tino Russo discussed that at the last EMAC meeting a Hazardous Program Plan was discussed involving flood areas in the town.

New radios are still being tested for their frequencies/communications. We should have a report in January.

NEW BUSINESS

FALL HIKE Chris Shaw reported on a fall hike that took place at the Howard Brooks Conservation Area on Mapledale Rd. Members from Orange CERT helped out as trail assistants and communicators. It was uneventful. Tino stated that this is a great way to test radios and their frequencies.

Rescue Ropes were discussed. Ropes can be used in many emergency situations. A ¼ "size rope was brought up for discussion. There would be immediate notification to emergency personnel should there be an injury. This is up for further discussion.

Tino stated that the *Con Jam 2018* event will be held on May 11-13 at the Orange Fairgrounds. There may be a possibility of getting scouts more involved in town events. Safety matters need to be discussed.

There will be a Peck Place carnival event in the spring. NO specific details as of now. CERT may be involved.

END OF YEAR LESSONS LEARNED

Tino made a suggestion that we should have a follow up about the undertakings from the past year that involved CERT. This was agreed by all members in attendance. At the January meeting, the following points will be discussed.

- What we did
- How well did we do it
- Lessons learned
- Looking forward

SAFETY OFFICER Ken Lyke brought up the suggestion about asking Max Martins, New Assistant Police Chief to give CERT specific training regarding unruly people as well as other types of training.

Tino had mentioned that at *Trunk R Treat* someone had been turned away due to being late at the event. This incident will be taken up by the committee from *Trunk R Treat*. These kinds of occurrences as well as traffic control from exiting town events might erupt into a confrontation.

Bruce Backer reported that he will have his recertification as a training instructor soon.

Josh Michels had reported that on November 20, from 6:30-8:00 will be a training in Fairfield regarding NARCON and the medication naloxone that can completely reverse the effects of opioid overdose and prevent deaths due to opioid overdose.

Fairfield Regional Fire School

205 Richard White Way

An email with the link was sent out to members.

Justin Taylor was introduced at this CERT meeting.

NO CERT MEETING IN DECEMBER.

A HOLIDAY gathering will take place on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, at 7:00 PM at the ORANGE ALE HOUSE. ALL CERT and significant other are invited.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Submitted by;

Susan Smith, Secretary