

ORANGE CERT MEETING MINUTES

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Patrick B. O'Sullivan
CLERK

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Lyke, Team Leader.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in Attendance: Ken Lyke, Tino Russo, Marisa Russo, Maria Russo, Susan Smith, Justin Taylor, Jude Toohey, Lynn Knight, Jeff Cap, Josh Michels, Bruce Backer, Al Mushin, Laurie Swatt

A Moment of Silence was observed for Tim Smith, Orange Fire Marshal.

There were no committee reports for EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

TEAM LEADER, Ken Lyke commented on the Everbridge System (a mass alert system) notifying members about the line up in front of FIRE STATION 2. The system failed. A discussion led into the possibility of CERT taking control of its own system.

Jeff Cap who is involved with many town committees/groups suggested we look into GROUPME. GroupMe is a mobile group messaging app free group messaging, works on every device, works over SMS. *(SMS stands for Short Message Service and is the most widely used type of text messaging. With a SMS, you can send a message of up to 160 characters to another device. ... With a MMS, you can send a message including pictures, video or audio content to another device.)*

This will be looked into.

WEBSITE: Jude Toohey is working on updating the CERT list and Jeff Cap has volunteered to work with Deputy Fire Marshal Jamie Vincent on the CERT website.

Ken Lyke has been in contact with Dr. Amir Mohammad, to be a guest speaker at a CERT meeting. Tino Russo has also been involved discussing the need for a trial run Point of Distribution (POD) should a catastrophic medical issue happen. This would also be a good time to discuss with the doctor about the increased flu cases and Coronavirus. Dr. Mohammed will be reviewing what Dr. Zelson's (former Director of Health) involvement was.

Ken spoke about periodic updates/training using the old CERT manuals during a monthly meeting. The new booklets are not yet available.

There are new guidelines to CPR. AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The group also requested that pediatric CPR be reviewed. Also, giving refreshers on live fire burns and cribbing.

PLANNING

A suggestion was made about inviting the Board of Selectman to a monthly CERT meeting to show how CERT plans, operates, converses, and post event communication.

Ken Lyke and Susan Smith have met with Terri Miles in regards to Anne Davis's memorial bench. Chief Dumas did reconfirm placing the Bench at Station 2. Terri stated that we are still short on money and hoping to get more donations. Ken will meet with the FD auxiliary to see what plaque and message they want on it.

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Submitted by:

Susan Smith, Secretary

On a positive note, CERT is moving forward with new ideas. We hope that members who have not participated will return to make our CERT group stronger.

Thank you-

Ken Lyke, Team Leader