



CERT Minutes 1/22/25

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Flag salute

Present: Dawn Mutschler, Ilene Schwartz, Maureen Tsadilas, Carol Kouba, Michelle Vosper, Lisa Chammings, Doug McIntyre, Lori Breen, Barbara Kimmich.

Old Business:

Maureen: Twenty-three people completed the basic CERT course on Nov. 16th, 24. We gained four new members. In Feb we had three more volunteers join our team. Overall, Stillwater CERT has grown from four to eleven members.

January 16th Seven members attended the Stop the Bleed training. Three members were already trained. Total of 10 CERT members Certified.

New Business:

No Fire Dept. report given

January 14th Maureen met with the Sheriff's Department and State Police with local CERT teams leaders. Discussed new reporting formats and regulation for FEMA now in place. Also discussed group teaming up for Spring trainings. Discussed the WSF, State Police, CERT teams want to be involved in Stillwater's annual water safety fair.

Maureen mentioned cutting back on participation in some community events to allow more time for new training programs.

On January 14, Lisa, Maureen and Ilene met to discuss the purchase of a laptop, projector and screen, and wall mounts for the OEM office. Ilene is researching equipment.

Maureen asked that each CERT member keep track of any training they may take including webinars, work place trainings ect. Report them to Maureen so she can maintain her training log. Copies of trainings will be filed in your personal file. Recording forms are available to take home.

January 21 Maureen met with John Dickson, the Sussex County Public Safety Director. Discussed training at the Fire Academy in the Spring.

The CERT February 26th meeting will have a guest speaker presenting Narcan training.

Suggestions for future training included the use of a compass, search and rescue, and train disasters.

Thirteen CERT groups assisted at the California wildfires. Their duties included caring for displaced pets, loading supplies onto planes, working with the Red Cross and MRC, and organizing food deliveries.

Lisa: The OEM office has a critical care list (those who would need assistance in the event of a disaster).

Michelle asked about fire and hazard prevention (mitigation). Lisa said that every five years the town must devise a hazard mitigation plan and submit it to FEMA.

Discussion concerning having a different jacket that would fit both men and women, Easier to work in. Some suggestions were to contact Newton Trophy. Maureen will do the research

Lisa talked to the group about delivering disaster supplies to North Carolina and Georgia.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba