

CERT Minutes 5/ 28/25

The meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Flag salute

Present: John Tsadilas, Maureen Tsadilas, Katherine Gordon, Donna Apgar, Connie O'Grady, Willie Corbisiero, Ilene Schwartz, Carol Kouba, Michelle Vosper, Dawn Mutschler

Old Business

Wilderness training is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp.

We will have a table at the Stillwater Bicentennial on Saturday, June 7, and at Sussex County Day on September 14.

We have all received a training schedule, a community event record to fill out each time we participate in an event, and a hold harmless agreement, which needs to be signed each year.

A Stop the Bleed training is coming up.

The Sheriffs Department requires a birth date on applications.

Carry your CERT ID card with you. It is required when you show up at a scene anywhere.

There will be a Basic CERT course in this area in the Fall. Willie said that the instructors were good and very helpful.

There were 214 fire calls in 2024 within a 65 mile radius of Stillwater. In 2025 so far, there have been 82.

We received a \$250 donation for participating in the 2025 Water Safety Fair.

Upcoming trainings:

June: CPR/AED

July: LifeVac

On May 17, Donna, Doug, and Maureen attended Preparing for Major Power Grid Outages.

New Business

Maureen talked about emergency equipment available through the county and showed us pictures of blow-up buildings that can be heated or air conditioned. They were used during the pandemic to administer vaccines to the public. The roofs are strong enough to withstand snow. They are large enough to drive a truck through, and they can be velcroed together to create larger buildings. They also include a drop tank for washing off hazardous materials. Deflated, they can be packed into movable containers and shipped on a truck.

A second truck contains medical supplies.

Maureen asked members to supply spin-the-wheel questions for the bicentennial table.

The meeting ended at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba