



CERT Minutes 3/25/26

Present: Peggy Askew, Tristan Askew, Lisa Chammings, Neil Hubbard, Barbara Kimmich, Carol Kouba, Ken Lauffer, Doug McIntyre, Connie O'Grady, Ilene Schwartz, Vince Troiano, Maureen Tsadilas, Shelly Vosper.

Flag Salute

Minutes: The date of the First Aid and CPR class was corrected. It should have been 4/18. Ilene motioned to accept the minutes with the correction, and all present agreed.

There were no Fire or EMS reports this month.

Old Business:

On 3/10 Lisa gave a presentation entitled "March Madness", in which she presented all kinds of useful supplies for dealing with emergencies in the home. Although many CERT members attended, turnout from the general public was poor. Since we would like to see a better turnout for our next talk, "Caring for Caregivers", Ilene suggested that we change the time to early evening to allow those who work the chance to attend. Some other suggestions:

Barbara; send an email survey to those who have attended talks in the past, asking what topics would interest them and what times work best.

Peggy: contact churches, give out handouts at the recycling center, post on NextDoor.

Shelly: contact Laurie Gordon at the Township Journal.

We could also advertise events in the libraries and in Senior Times.

We already post events on Stillwater Patch and on our Facebook page.

Neil and Doug are in charge when Maureen is away. They can split contacting members if necessary.

Neil handed out information on how to make appointments for background checks at the recent shelter training in Ewing. The town should be able to reimburse Stillwater residents for the fee. Non-residents can be reimbursed through CERT funds.

According to Neil, background checks are good for six months, after which they are erased.

Maureen needs everyone's receipts from the background checks, whether or not they are being reimbursed by the town.

Neil asked if people who were not part of CERT but assisting with an event are covered by the township's insurance. Lisa said yes, they are.

April 12 is Safety Helmet Day. Avenues in Motion will be fitting children for bike helmets and giving helmets away. There will be a table for CERT and a table for Ken's local motorcycle club. We will need to set up canopies for the CERT table as well as the motorcycle club. The event was advertised at Stillwater School and on Stillwater Patch.

Those who attended the Shelter training in Ewing critiqued the training. The consensus was that it was good if you had never attended a shelter training before as it gave a basic overview of how shelters are set up, but it lacked hands on training.

Lisa commented that all Shelters must be Red Cross certified and that Sussex County VoTech is designated as a county shelter.

If we can get various county groups together, we can conduct a full shelter training exercise at the Fairgrounds in the fall.

The First Aid and CPR course is limited to 20 participants. Registration starts on 3/16. The course will run from 8:30-2:00.

Anyone helping with Stillwater Cleanup Day should arrive at 9:00.

On 5/3, Search and Rescue training will be held at Veterans Memorial Park from 9:00-12:00. We will work alongside Hopatcong CERT.

New Business:

There will be an expo for the disabled from 5/1-5/3 in Edison.

Our next CERT meeting on 4/22 will begin at 6:30. We will do Stop the Bleed training from 7:00-8:00.

Doug gave basic compass reading information to those present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba