CERT Meeting 8/26/2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Present: Peggy Askew, Tristan Askew, Sue Dell, Suzanne Garrera, Neil Hubbard, Barbara Kimmich, Carol Kouba, Ken Lauffer, Doug McIntyre, Vince Troiano, John Tsadilas, Maureen Tsadilas.

Flag Salute

Old Business:

Minutes: Motion to accept the July minutes was made by Ken, Doug seconded. The minutes were approved.

Fire Report: 123 EMS calls and 55 fire calls as of 8/24,26.

No OEM report this month.

A search and rescue exercise was conducted on Michelle Vosper's property. A thank you was sent to Michelle. She hopes we can come back and weedwack her property.

A Community Safety Program was held on August 4 at the Stillwater Community Center. The topic was home safety and was presented by Maureen. Since turnout has been poor at these events, Maureen questioned whether we should continue to run them after September. Only one new person came for the August presentation.

Thank you to Sue Dell for setting up the Community Center the night before the event.

New Business:

Ken put together a video about CERT that will be shown at Sussex County Day on September 20 and at the Stillwater Township municipal meeting on October 6.

Maureen attended a meeting of the Stillwater Historical Society. They are making plans for the Stillwater Fall Fest on October 10 and are looking for groups to make displays to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday.

Thank you to Vince and his wife for writing the article about CERT that appeared in the Township Journal.

Please invite people to join CERT. We will reach out to the high schools in the Fall.

On August 20, twelve Stillwater CERT members took the TIM course (Traffic Incident Management) and became certified in assisting at the scene of traffic accidents. This training is now required for anyone who might be called to assist.

We need better go bags to help organize our equipment.

Upcoming Events:

9/1 The Ridge and Valley Conservancy will do a presentation on why conservation is important for preventing and mitigating disasters.

9/20 Sussex County Day at the Fairgrounds. We will be outside this year, and the event will be held rain or shine.

9/24 There will be an autism awareness program at Hopatcong Fire Company 3

10/4 Octoberfest at the Vass Homestead. The Warren County Historical Society has asked us to manage parking and pedestrian crossing. Only those who have completed TIM training will be allowed to cross pedestrians. Other volunteers will park cars. Neil asked about liability for those who are not trained in traffic management. Carol said that maybe those involved should look at the online TIM course regarding crowd control. Barbara suggested setting up a cross walk.

The meeting ended at 7:09.

Trevor Floyd, Deputy Coordinator of the Sussex County Sheriffs Department, did a talk on command centers.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kouba