

**CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday May 16, 2008**  
**Tampa Fire and police Training Center**  
**116 S. 34<sup>th</sup> St. Tampa, FL 33605**

**Members Present**

Michael Gonzalez	Tampa Fire Rescue
Brian Pisaneschi	Greater Tampa CERT
Terri Hawkins	Tampa Technology and Innovation
Julia Michalka-Barber	Self Reliance
Bob Easterday	Coast Guard Auxiliary
Larry Aguiliar	Hillsborough Community College
Steve Shields	Hillsborough Community College
Krystal Wolfe	U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
Frank Larder	U.S. Coast Guard

**I. Call to Order**

Chief Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

Introductions occurred.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Bob Easterday and seconded by Julia Barber to approve the April 15, 2008 minutes as posted. The motion passed.

**IV. Old Business**

Chief Gonzalez opened the meeting with an overview of the Citizen Corps program for the new members in attendance. A brief discussion was held regarding last meeting's decision to have members in attendance contact other volunteer groups in our community and invite them to attend this meeting. Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and America Waterway Watch (AWW) were invited and came to the meeting. Other than welcoming HCC and AWW, this item was tabled since several members from the last meeting were not available to discuss the progress that was made.

Chief Gonzalez informed the group that the grant application was submitted to the state. Based on the funding request received from the group and the amount of funding awarded by the state, some potential items may include:

- Approximately 5000 brochures to market Citizen Corps and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs. Approximately eighty percent will be printed in English, 20 percent in Spanish and 45 brochures in Braille.

- Approximately 5000 magnets, pens and whistles promoting the new City of Tampa Citizen Corps via the website.
- Table coverings and shirts for presentations at public events.
- Approximately 120 hours of instruction, 100 Spanish CERT manuals and 100 CERT kits for the Fundacion Familia Sana Spanish CERT program.
- Approximately 40 training manuals and 40 preparedness kits for a preparedness program for disabled persons.

Chief Gonzalez and Brian Pisaneschi distributed a draft copy of the Citizen Corps brochure. The brochure will be included as an attachment along with the meeting minutes so those members that were not in attendance can review the brochure and provide feedback.

Terri Hawkins brought in a wireless Internet card and showed the group the draft website that she created. A link will be distributed in the near future so those members that were not in attendance can review the site and provide feedback.

#### **V. New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

#### **VI. Program Partners**

Representatives from America Waterway Watch distributed cards and brochures.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m., with the next meeting date scheduled for either July 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Gonzalez will send out an email to determine which date works best for most members.