

July 8, 2008

Mandatory Team Leader and Alternate Team Leader Meeting
Planning Meeting

GT CERT Members Attendance:

Cathy Goldie – Temple Terrace
Steve Long – Pebble Creek/Wesley Chapel
Jennifer Stevens – Carrollwood
Melanie Demutiis – North Tampa
Ian Renton – Town n’ Country
Cate Hammer – Carrollwood
Veronica Huegel – Hunter’s Green/Cross Creek
Brian Pisaneschi – West Meadows
Bonnie Goodwin – West Meadows
Michelle Lampert – Racetrack
Karl Adey – Racetrack
William B. Long – Tampa Palms
Ani Hawes-Verbeek – Brandon/Plant City/Riverview
Bill Metler – Seminole Heights
Jodi Pecoraro – Tampa Palms
Andrea Selner – New Tampa
Mike Gonzalez

Meeting started at 1937

- Jamie from Tampa Tribune interviewed Bonnie, Brian, and Mike Gonzalez prior to meeting
- All members present introduced themselves
- Bonnie Goodwin advised that she is stepping down from President for approx. 3 months and will transfer duties to Brian Pisaneschi
- Brian P. went over activities that GT CERT might assist with such as PODs, alternate treatment facilities, radio operations.
- Communication plan also discussed. When activated, Brian, Bonnie, and Jodi will go to EOC and start calling the Team Leaders who will then contact GT CERT members to request assistance if needed. Possible transportation provided for members to get to designated locations.
- Need to establish primary and secondary rally points for each team. Will discuss and establish in the August mandatory all members meeting. Emails, phone numbers, and addresses will be updated then.
- Brian P. encouraged all members to newsletter.
- July 17 Hurricane exercise has been moved to July 22. Not sure if GT CERT will be involved. Ani will put a cancellation notice on the website pending further information.
- Super Bowl participation discussed, not sure if we will be called upon or not. Park of ESF-15, so not a high priority.

- Non-priority issues can be communicated via email, high priority issues communicated via phone.
- Brian P. passed out a feedback questionnaire for all members present to fill out.
- Discussed each team having their own meetings in addition to the monthly meetings which all teams attend.
- Cathy Goldie with Temple Terrace talked about her team's involvement with the local fire department. They work closely with the fire department and called upon regularly for their assistance. They also hold their own meetings in addition to the monthly meetings.
- If there is a team that would like to interact/introduce themselves with their closest firestation, CERT can facilitate that.
- Melanie Demutiis with North Tampa also has individual meetings in addition to the monthly meetings.
- Ian Renton asked about volunteers and their evacuation zone, i.e. how many volunteers are in a mandatory evacuation zone. Discuss this in August meeting.
- Ani advised Hillsborough Parks and Recs have donated their sites for a meeting place in case of disaster. She is working on a map to link CERT members together to show where they are at and where they should go and the safest routes to get there. Ani requested putting this on a website. Ani also requested a list of pet friendly evacuation housing.
- William Long requested that Team Leaders call, not email, each member each month to "touch base" with them. Brian P. may not be a good idea since email is easier and less intrusive. Brian advised he will leave that up to each individual team leader.
- Brian requested all Team Leaders to call each member to remind them of the August mandatory meeting, also ask them if they prefer to be contacted via phone or email. Also ask each member if they have signed up for the newsletter via website.
- Ian advised he updates the master file of all member's addresses, phone numbers, etc. Ian requested that when we call the members regarding the August meeting, ask for updated information (addresses, phone numbers, etc.)
- Jennifer will request all members sign up for newsletter when sending out the information regarding mandatory August meeting.
- Brian encouraged all present members to fill out the questionnaire.
- Ian requested all Team Leaders become HAM operators. Class starting July 19th and 23rd, place to be determined. Members do not have to attend the class to get license, can just show up for the test. Can go to www.arrl.org for more information.
- Any CERT members interested in HAM radio license can contact Jodi or Ian.
- Mandatory August meeting is the 14th at 7pm at the Firefighter's Museum at Zack and Jefferson. Parking is across the street from the firestation (east side and north side of Firestation 1).
- Mike requested that he be CC'd on all email communication from Team Leaders to team members. His email is Michael.gonzalez@tampagov.net
- Jackets and t-shirts will be available for purchase at the mandatory meeting.

- Mike and Brian will type up a general email containing pertinent information about the mandatory August meeting. Jennifer will forward this email to all Team Leaders for them to send out.
- William Long voiced concerns regarding lack of communication between Team Leaders and their members.
- Brian encouraged to not to self-activate under GT CERT. Wait for a call from proper channels.
- Mike will check CPR cards from LifePoint.
- Ani requested more personal recognition for volunteer participation, such as the Mass Casualty event there was minimal recognition.
- Email minutes to Terri.Hawkins@tampagov.net

Meeting adjourned at 2046.