

NCT Regional Citizen Corps Council
September 22 Minutes
Microsoft Teams

Kit Marshall opened the meeting at 9:00. A moment of silence was observed for Roland Asebedo.

Cyndi Troops made motion to approve the meeting minutes Cyndi Smith 2nd, motion carried.

Project Updates: Matt Honza from the Olsen group spoke about the joint exercise, try to pick up from the 2019 original plan to accommodate the 2020 Covid world. Open air environment for exercise would be preferred, face coverings maybe required, hand-sanitizer and wiping down of surfaces as part of Covid mitigation measures. No scenario yet; possibly round robin exercise to spread people out. Exercises could include triage, cribbing, search & rescue, fire extinguishers, shooting gallery, stop the bleed, damage assessment, and 'now what'. MRC may test their badge system and create badges for the event. March 26 or April 2 as possible dates. Possible locations: Bob Bolen- the village is great for the search. Tarrant County Northwest campus- outside buildings for search, car wreck area is good for medical, debris field as well. Planning group will meet after October 1st.

Travel- National conference is in Galveston June 2-4, 2022. Cassandra Wallace is on the preconference planning team. Send Candice an email if you want to help with conference planning.

Moulage- Cannot buy equipment without having people trained, try to have a class in the new year, 34 students instead of 60 due to funding.

Fiscal YR 2020 update- Moulage training was cancelled. 58 Stop the Bleed Kits purchased, one kit per trained team. Whitney will assist in distribution of the kits. There is equipment available for training. Cyndi Troops asked if there was a kit for each team in the area. There are 40 active teams, must have a certified Stop the Bleed trained person.

Fiscal YR2022- Citizen Corps organizations are a carve out, not guaranteed funds, in the past it was a stand-alone grant. National priorities may override funds we have received in the past. Molly McFadden suggested that a presentation highlighting what our programs did during COVID. Kit Marshall agreed, the scoring committee looks at that sort of activity. \$30,000 was requested last year, that includes salary and travel, supplies, training. A grant writing workshop will be held in January, Whitney, Kit and Joseph Laster will attend. Other discussion around this topic included having a Train the Trainer course in the area and a Stop the Bleed trainer course. Some training can be accommodated through the NCTTRAC.

Resource Typing- FEMA has released new verbiage corresponding with three CERT positions: CERT Team Leader, CERT Chief, and CERT Volunteer. Framework aimed more at CERT groups that deploy outside of their region. Most CERT groups do not, many in our area cannot deploy outside their city without permission from program sponsor. Consensus was that this was not applicable to our programs, but there may be some ideas that programs can use and can be made into templates based on the North Texas region. Benefit of framework is to keep consistency as program managers change.

Training Requests: CERT Program Manager- Saginaw is willing to host. In Person Train the Trainer and CERT Basic courses. If you have a Basic CERT course coming up, get it added to the regional calendar. Aim is to have two Train and Trainer classes in the region of 15-20 individuals each.

Quarterly Virtual Training would be available to any CERT volunteer, more updates on this in November.

New Business- Ready Reserve Corps U.S. Public Health Service wants to establish a Ready Reserve Corps to ensure the Commissioned Corps stands ready to provide critical public health needs into the 21st century. They would like to foster a collaborative relationship between USPHS Ready Reserve Corps and CERTs. Not sure how this ties into the established MRC programs. We will wait for more information.

CERT Teams in State Parks -Glen Rose and Dinosaur Valley would like to be a pilot TPWD has no intention of taking a lead role in the creation of a local Citizens Corps Council or CERT programs, only facilitating the creation of them and helping where they can until they are strong enough to stand on their own. This would

require involvement from local emergency management, not sure if the area can support this venture at this time.

Open Discussion- Cyndi Troops asked how programs handled individuals that have not shown up in a while. Have in your operating procedures what your expectations are and stick to them. Most groups give 1-3 years on non-response to trainings or activities before dropping the individual from the roster.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Tricia Lindsey