

NCT Regional Citizen Corps Council

AGENDA

September 22, 2021 / 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Microsoft Teams

- I. **Welcome/Introductions**
- II. **May Minutes**
- III. **FY21 Project Update (10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022)**
 - CERT / MRC Joint Exercise – Matt Honza with The Olson Group
 - Pick date to complete
 - Travel – National CERT Conference (funding for 2 chairs)
 - Galveston, TX – June 2- 4, 2022 (pre-conference May 30-June 1)
 - Moulage Equipment (\$13,594.94) – This was a follow up project to the Moulage training that was supposed to be held this year. These funds can be moved into a Moulage training item. This should cover approximately 34 students at \$390 per person. We were going to spend \$23,400 for 60 people.
- IV. **FY20 Project Update (Closes 9/30/21)**
 - Moulage Training Cancelled
 - Stop the Bleed Kits - 58 purchased
 - Each active team that has someone trained in stop the bleed will received 1 kit for your team.
- V. **FY22 Project Discussion**
 - We are not guaranteed a carve out for FY22. There is a possibility that the national priorities will be made into carve-out projects.
 - Stop the Bleed Training
 - Moulage Equipment if we decide to do moulage training with FY21 project.
 - Travel for 2 chairs to attend National CERT Conference (location TBD)
 - Supplies
 - Who will assist in writing the project
- VI. **FEMA Resource Typing for CERT**
 - FEMA has released [National Qualification System](#) (NQS) Job Titles/Position Qualifications and Position Task Books (PTBs) for three CERT positions:
 - [CERT Team Leader](#) - a volunteer part of a CERT who directs team activities
 - [CERT Chief](#) - a volunteer who is responsible for a specific functional area within the CERT
 - [CERT Volunteer](#) - a volunteer who is a part of a CERT and trains in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.
 - [Click to download the position task books](#) (type CERT in the search box)
 - [Click to download the Job Titles and Position Qualifications](#) (type CERT in the search box)
- VII. **Request for Trainings**
 - CERT Program Manager – Saginaw is willing to host
 - CERT Basic Course
 - Quarterly regional training opportunities - Virtual
 - These will be afterhours for CERT Teams and members to attend. Topics to include: Mental Health, Moulage, Stop the Bleed, and others as requested

- Please utilize our regional calendar at <https://nctcog.org/ep/workinggroups/ccp/events> if you have any trainings open to the region. You can also send them to cert@ep.nctcog.org and citizencorps@ep.nctcog.org.

VIII. Other Business

- Open Discussion
- Updates / Announcements
 - U.S. Public Health Service wants is establishing 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.
 - 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.
- Recent Incidents / Special Events
 - DFW Airport LifeSaver Full-Scale Exercise - October 16, 2021
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAEAB2FABF5C61-dfwlifesaver>

Next Regional Council Meeting:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

9:30-11:00

Microsoft Teams

Webinars and Upcoming Trainings

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 1:00pm to 2:30pm Eastern Time Zone

DisasterVille. Presented by James Ray (Utah Division of Emergency Management). DisasterVille is an out of the box idea that provides a fun interactive experience that CERT programs can use to strengthen community buy-in, recruit for CERT training, refresh CERT skills and build stronger relationships between the public and professional first responders. Register using this link: [DisasterVille Webinar Registration](#)

Thursday, October 7, 2021 2pm to 4pm eastern, 11am to 1pm pacific.

CERT Resource Typing Webinar. The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division is partnering with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a webinar on the FEMA Resource Typing for CERT, released in August 2021.

Register using this link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/resourcetypingcert/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 1:00pm to 5:00pm Eastern Time Zone

Search and Rescue, Lost Person Behavior. Presented by Dr. Robert Koester. Lost person behavior is the cornerstone of search and rescue efforts. Based upon a landmark study, Dr. Koester outlines a definitive guide to solving the puzzle of where a lost person might be found.

Register using this link: [Search and Rescue, Lost Person Behavior Webinar Registration](#)

Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 1pm to 2:30pm Eastern Time Zone

Maintaining and Revitalizing your CERT Program. Presented by Teresa Greenhalgh (San Diego County OES, CA). This presentation will share ideas and best practices for maintaining and revitalizing your CERT program.

Click here to register - <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certcon5/event/registration.html>

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 1:00pm to 5:00pm Eastern Time Zone

Moulage, Bringing the Exercise to Life. Presented by Mae Kennedy (Moulage by Mae, Christian County CERT). This session will go over techniques to create realistic looking moulage to enhance CERT disaster simulations and exercises.

Click here to register - <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certcon6/event/registration.html>

Previous Webinar links

Developing and Organizing your CERT Team to the Max - <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/plcs6ditrbyf/>

Spontaneous Volunteers Lessons Learned in Argentina and Chile - <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pjgmvdjyl7aq/>

Restart and Rejuvenate your CERT program after COVID-19 - <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p934tthhsmb/>.

K0419 Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities (Virtually Facilitated)

This course was developed by the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to train participants in sheltering practices and techniques. It is designed for use with its companion piece, the Shelter Field Guide. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Length: Total Time: 10 hours over 2 days. Class Time: 8 hours (ET).

Course Dates:

Month	Course Dates	Last Day to Register
January	19, 20: 11am-4pm	December 31, 2021
	25, 26: 12-5pm	January 5, 2022
February	16, 17: 11am-4pm	January 27, 2022

	22, 23: 12-5pm	February 2, 2022
March	23, 24: 11am-4pm	March 2, 2022
	29, 30: 12-5pm	March 2, 2022
April	20, 21: 11am-4pm	March 31, 2022
	26, 27: 12-5pm	April 6, 2022
May	18, 19: 11am-4pm	April 28, 2022
	24, 25: 12-5pm	May 3, 2022
June	21, 22: 11am-4pm	June 1, 2022
	29, 30: 12-5pm	June 7, 2022

To Apply: Prospective students for both courses should apply through the [Emergency Management Institute's online admissions system](#)

More Webinar Links :

Use this link to see the full calendar of events: [Highlights from the CERT Conference Calendar](#)

North Texas Council of Governments

May 12, 2021

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am.

Welcome by Kit Marshall and a moment of silence in honor of Gordy Van Steenberg.

Motion to accept minutes made by John Gnatt, 2nd by Cindy Toops' motion carries.

Project Updates: 2019 project has closed.

2021 project July or August moulage training @ Brick in the Yard. Real world mass casualty incidents, 4 classes of 10 students. A kit will be given to each trainee at the end of the class. The 2021 budget includes money for those trainees to receive a larger kit. Only 2 people from each program may be allowed due to high interest level. Sign ups will be closer to July.

45 bag packs slated to be ordered for new teams or as training cache. No new programs have formed recently. Recommended to reduce order to 15 packs. Tonya Hunter pointed out that some teams may not have met since COVID or ones that formed right before COVID may not have had time to outfit their teams. Grant was written specifically for New Teams. Candice will send out email to see if any new teams need packs.

Cindy Toops made motion to allow the Chairs can make final decision to cut the cache order and remaining funds moved to moulage. John Gnatt 2nd; motion carried.

Purchases: 216 training tourniquets; Candice is working on how to distribute those. Still have some orange ones from last purchase.

Stop the Bleed equipment: wearable hemorrhage sleeve, knife wounds and gun shot packing kits. Brenda Gormley cautioned about the blood simulant is very slick and is almost a soapy consistency. These items are available for trainings.

John, Brenda, and Kit are trained to use the kit. Suggestion to bring another STB training to the region, NCTTRAC has people willing to train free of charge.

Covid Fatigue and PTSD- Kit Marshall asked how many of us would recognize those conditions in our members, it takes some time to realize the impact of an event on a person. Steve Howie suggested Critical Incident Stress Management training be brought to the region. A standalone training for program managers be arranged, maybe offer two dates for programs to choose from, have a zoom option, location Dallas, Denton, or Ft. Worth.

Best Practices in Virtual Environment-

Denton County CERT website has a training on Hazmat dealing with household chemicals and how they react on victims and searchers.

Birthday emails to members to keep them included.

Allen CERT- 3000 Volunteer hours for the vaccine hub and had search and recovery participation with East Texas CERT.

Calendar integration- nctcog.org

Items can be added to the calendar, an ID lets you know that an event is submitted. Email Candice when you add an event. Only post events that you are willing to have other people join.

Denton County MRC recognized for their COVID POD

vaccination work. “During the early stages of the pandemic, the Denton Country MRC was activated to support epidemiologic screen, a call center and community based testing. Then in preparation for COVID-19 vaccines, the MRC Coordinator onboarded more than 250 new volunteers to support POD efforts. As vaccines became available the Denton County MRC began conducting large scale PODs, in a partnership with local emergency services, CERT and law enforcement. In February 2021, Denton County moved their POD model to the Texas Motor speedway and increased their vaccine throughput to an average to 10,000 vaccines per day. The MRC currently conducts three PODS per week and has provided more than 300,000 COVID-19 vaccines per week The Denton County MRC is an outstanding example of the impact that an MRC unit and volunteers can have on a community pandemic response.” Seth Roberts and Tonya Hunter have both been nominated for awards. TMS closes Friday afternoon.

Dates

Candice and Brenda will be attending National CERT Conference in July.

Next meeting August 11 at 9:30-11 might be in person

Adjourned at 10:40 am

Tricia Lindsey