



## GRAND ISLE CERT



### After Action Report –*Fireworks* - July 3, 2009

We were contacted by Bill Champagne to assist with parking and traffic control for the fireworks at Knight Point State Park on July 3, 2009. Bill was told we had to be activated by a first responder or Town EMD for a preplanned event, and Bill noted that No. Hero Fire will be assisting with the fireworks. Chief Mike Murdock was contacted to provide activation for CERT and an email was received with such a request and forwarded to VEM. Those responding to the activation were Dave Barton, Kelly Barton, Chuck Besterman, Tom LaBombard, Carl Sourdiff, Dick Trudell, and Kay Trudell.

We arrived on site at 6:00 pm and set out traffic cones to provide one-way traffic through the parking areas and fill up the rows starting from the south end. Two areas were reserved for handicapped individuals. Personnel with traffic vests and flashlights/orange cones were stationed to direct the incoming traffic, and other personnel were directing the individual parking. There was a benefit BBQ being conducted as well, so there were early arrivals. The main crowd starting arriving about 8:30 pm and all the parking spaces in the park were filled. We were able to fit a few more along the west road and on the parking islands so that all were accommodated. The overflow area (camper parking area) on the north side did not have to be opened up. Fireworks commenced about 9:30 pm.

At the conclusion of the displays, CERT members were stationed at the east end of the parking rows and alternately released cars from each of the three rows of parking spaces. The parked cars along the north entrance road fell in line with the other rows. At the ticket booth two CERT members held flashing SLOW signs. The exiting procedure worked well.

#### Observations:

This was the second time we were asked to help at this event and likely will be asked again (it is an annual event). Our radio communications worked well, but we had no direct communications with the Fire Department, utilizing face-to-face communications instead.

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