



GRAND ISLE CERT



After Action Report – Tryathalon June 20, 2009

Grand Isle CERT was contacted by Evana Sturges, Recreation Committee and Race Coordinator, to assist in closing a road for a race on June 20. There are also children events at White's Beach where there is movement between the shoreline and the recreation area between West Shore Road and the parking lot drive, so they wanted to shut off the main road and route traffic through the parking lot. So. Hero Selectboard suggested that CERT would be able to do this. I told Evana that we can only be activated by the Fire, Rescue, Sheriff, EMD or VEM and that a representative of the activating unit has to be present at the event. Evana said she would contact Connie Allen. The race started at 8:00 AM and the events continued until 3:00 PM. I visited the site and sketched out a layout I would use and forwarded it to Connie Allen.

I mentioned the request at the LEPC 13 meeting on June 1, and Ray Allen indicated the Sheriff's Department would not be there. The consensus was that the Emergency Management Director, Sarah Jacoby could activate us. I wrote Sarah an email asking if she was going to activate us and copied Chris Herrick. Eventually I got an email from Chris Herrick indicated that So. Hero Fire would activate us.

Since there was only limited work needed, Susanna Jaeger and Dick Trudell volunteered to set up the traffic detour.

Arrived at the site at 7:30 am and started to set out the equipment. At 8:00 am the cones and detour sign were placed. After they were set we didn't have any duties until 2:30 pm when we took the signs down. We set up a table and chairs to try to recruit people to CERT, but there was no interest from those who attended.

Observations:

If we are asked to help at this event again (it an annual event) one of two things should be done.

1. Set up in the morning, leave, and return for the afternoon breakdown
2. Request additional duties to occupy our time

This could have been an opportunity to practice radio communications by using the radio in the CERT trailer in conjunction with hand-helds at different race point.

Recommended follow-up:

Suggest to the Recreation Committee that CERT would be willing to offer radio communications at check points for the races, thereby incorporating training into an otherwise long day.



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