



GRAND ISLE CERT



**Minutes
Grand Isle County CERT Meeting
November 15, 2009
6:00 p.m. at
North Hero Fire Department**

Present: Marty Koldyk, Chuck Besterman, Tracy Masse-James, Susanna Jaeger, Tom LaBombard, Carl Sourdif, Dick Trudell, Kay Trudell, Jodi Verba

There was no October meeting due to the Basic CERT Training held in October.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Notes from Dick: Emails of members will be sent out by Jodi. New radio/phone cards will be made up for everyone. Dick has procured new radios. Tracy has all her gear now. More gear coming for three other new members after the first of the next year (2010).
3. Kristy, Kay, and Dick were at the H1N1 Activation at St. Albans; see email on subject. May have H1N1 Activation in Grand Isle; unknown if CERT will assist at this time as it is dependent on need for personnel.
4. Meeting and Holiday Social: - December 6, Sunday, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Discussion followed, with Jodi having first choice of potluck at the Recreation Center in Grand Isle. Families are invited. Tracy checking with Kelly on getting the Center. Jodi will get email addresses out so all can keep in contact, and Jodi/Kelly will get this social put together. Dick noted that there will be a short meeting to discuss the new year 2010 training at the social.
5. Toys for Tots: Tracy asked if members would be willing to bring an unwrapped new toy to the Holiday Social on December 6th. She felt it would be good if Grand Isle CERT could be involved in the drive. Everyone agreed, and this info will be emailed to all members.
6. CERT Public Service Information: Starting January 2010, Grand Isle CERT will be putting Public Service information into the ISLANDER. These messages will have a standard format with our CERT Logo. Guidelines and a format need to

be set up. Jodi will work with Dick on this, and it was noted that Tonya Prouty at the Islander can also do it in *Word*.

7. ICS-100 Course, with Chuck Besterman, Training Coordinator: Chuck worked with us on this required course during the meeting. Dick noted that members need to go to the FEMA online training site. It is interactive and very good. Worth doing and gives good understanding of the information. Tracy has taken the online test. Shirley has also taken the test, but couldn't get the certificate to print out. The FEMA Online Site: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/100>. Dick requested that after everyone takes the test, make a print of the certification and give it to him. Members needing to take the course and test include: Jodi, Marty, Susanna.
8. Transparency on Website: Carl spoke about this topic. Our site is not just for CERT members only; but can be viewed by the public. Hence we decided against adding any personal information on members. Jodi suggested that what training is available be added to the site along with what we do. Carl will continue working on the site.
9. ID Cards - VEM wants all CERT members to have an ID card that has our training/certifications on it. We currently have cards in for printing. Each member will have two cards.
10. TRY-ATHALON 2010: CERT will do this again, as in summer 2009 at South Hero. We will probably add a Radio Communications at stations along the route (training for us). We will be logging in runners, bicyclists, as they come through.
11. CERT Meetings 2010: We set the Standard meetings on 3rd Sunday of the month, starting with January 17, 2010, at 6:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be our social on December 6th at the Grand Isle School.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:35 pm