



GRAND ISLE CERT



**MINUTES
GRAND ISLE COUNTY CERT MEETING
April 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.
North Hero Fire Department**

Members Present: David Barton, Kelly Barton, Chuck Besterman, Susanna Jaeger, Tom LaBombard, Carl Sourdiff, Shawn Toof, Dick Trudell, Kay Trudell, Jodi Verba ...

1. Meeting brought to Order 1800 hours by Dick Trudell, Director
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review and Acceptance of CERT Minutes for February 7, 2009.

Corrections: a) CPOD is Vermont Emergency Management (VEM), not American Red Cross; b) American Red Cross did not get grant for ARC trailer – for supplies – so not applicable at this time.

Minutes accepted: Carl accepting with Kay seconding.

4. Review and discussion of March 14, 2009, Mass Critical Incident Training at Allenholm Farms in the morning and Grand Isle School in the afternoon.
 - a. Dick noted that overall the exercise went reasonably well. The report from VEM's Christine Brown has not yet been mailed out. Dick will be asking for a report directly from her.
 - b. Dick: In the morning, Brian Welch provided good information on what CERT members as 2nd Responders would do, although not as much hands-on First Aid as anticipated. Some communications problems with Traffic Control. Moulage was *great!*
 - c. The afternoon segment went great, and all the volunteers – CIDER and Boy Scouts -- enjoyed it! Shelter management, good. There were a variety of situations to deal with, including a French-only speaking woman, peanut allergy, and others.

- d. Dick made up (certificates) for the Boy Scouts, who are working towards a merit badge, and wrote thank you notes to all.
 - e. Our team did very well, and folks like Tim Stetson said they enjoyed working with us.
 - f. Dick brought Brian Welch (G.I. Rescue) CERT's old Training Manual. He also spoke with Brian regarding the LEPC meeting(s).
 - g. Dick submitted an article to the *Islander* which should run this week.
 - h. Need: Dick will arrange some time for G.I. CERT to have our own Traffic Control training, for which our members stated an interest.
 - i. Need: For ARC Shelter Management . . . supplies, including pens, paper, tape, stapler, duct tape, and a supply box. [Noted by Kelly, Kay, and Dick.]
5. Commodities Point of Distribution [CPOD] Training to be held at Knight's Point State Park on May 2nd, with the actual CPOD Exercise held on May 30th, at Knight's Point. Training 0900 to 1300/1330.
- a. Dick: The May 30th exercise will involve lifting pallets, distributing food, and directing traffic, while the initial training on May 2nd will be classroom work.
 - b. VEM sends in commodities – water, food, toiletries and other supplies – via tractor trailers. CERT does the set-up and distribution for the commodities.
 - c. Three or 4 areas around the state of Vermont will be doing the same CPOD exercise on May 30th.
 - d. Grand Isle Boy Scouts and Jericho Boy Scouts will be volunteering; working on their (Emergency Management) Merit Badges.
6. Carl and Dick now have Ice Rescue Certification!
7. Upcoming: Dick noted the following . . .
- a. The BIG SHABANG -- Grand Isle County Clean Team is the sponsor -- Anti-Drug / Anti-Alcohol for Kids--lots of fun, and CERT will likely be asked to help
 - b. July Fireworks -- May be different date than the 4th of July; CERT will participate with Traffic Control at Knights Point.
 - c. July 4th -- Parades will be at South Hero, and Alburgh. CERT will be in South Hero parade and do some traffic control as well.

8. Dick is working with Emergency Management Directors, including Allen Arthur (LEPC-13), and Regional Planning – on Emergency Operations Plans.
9. New Member Training: Dick noted that CERT new member training will be held on Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17, 2009. Tracy Massey-James is interested.

Kelly would like to split up the days CERT members need to be at the training to assist, and let members pick out what they are interested in helping with.

Dick will get an email out on this training to ask how CERT members want to be involved in the curricula: Traffic Control, Light SAR, Building Size-ups, Disaster psychology, etc.

Flyers for the training will be posted at Grand Isle stores, schools, and businesses.

10. LEPC-13 is receiving Grant Funds, and Dick will ask for \$1,200 for CERT needs including jackets, helmets, windbreakers, go-bags, and other essentials for current and future CERT members. Some funds have already been secured to purchase same.
11. Kelly: This Saturday, April 11th, from 0800 to 1700, there is a Red Cross course on how to interview clients. Please call the Red Cross if you would like to attend. Includes info on Shelter packets/paperwork, credit cards & limits, working to get disaster assistance for families.

ARC backs up fire departments, rescue, and helps at other disasters . . . They'll come with water, snack bars, and "the money".

Kay and Kelly are taking the Red Cross course on how to interview clients. Jodi, Tom, and Dave, (Tracy & Becky?), also taking the class.

12. Adjourn

Minutes by Susanna Jaeger, Grand Isle County CERT Scribe
Received and filed by:

_____, Dick Trudell, CERT Director _____