



# Grand Isle County CERT



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## Minutes Grand Isle County CERT Meeting 9/21/08 North Hero Fire Department

Present: Dick Trudell, Kay Trudell, Carl Sourdiff, Vanetta Darby, Chuck Besterman, Kelly Barton, Dave Barton,  
Absent: Ilyo McCray, Jodi Verba, Mike Gadue, Keith Darby, Tom LaBombard, Alison Rogers

Dick Trudell, Director called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

1. Dick programmed our radios with channel 10 for a statewide CERT connection
2. Minutes of 7/20/08 & 8/17/08 – Vanetta presented the minutes and reminded everyone to print their own copy from the website [www.grandislecountycert.org](http://www.grandislecountycert.org). The minutes were approved
3. Presentation on Traffic Control & Crime Scenes – SGT Ray Allen gave us a presentation on traffic control (“getting people to go where they don’t want to go”) and instructed us on proper placement of personnel and traffic control equipment. His presentation on crime scene was a reminder not to disturb anything as it may prove to be important in an investigation
4. Distribution of Equipment: Dick distributed equipment to personnel that had not yet received everything, including new ball caps, windbreakers, and miscellaneous items.
5. Joint Training with FC-CERT & GI-CERT was very informative, using a hands-on approach. There was a review of basic CERT training as well as some new exercises regarding extrication of victims and finding a location by GPS and map plotting. All agreed it was a success.
6. Dick suggested we have a list of equipment for our “go bags”. Carl offered to make a list for for items we would have in our bags ready for immediate use. It will contain all the necessary basic equipment.

7.. Traffic Course – Chuck Besterman gave a review of the Emergency Traffic Control course he attended in Franklin County and suggested that we should all try to attend one if possible. Chick will send a write-up to Vanetta for the website.

8 Trainings –on the agenda

- a. EMD 9/22, 6pm at Ed Weed Fish Hatchery, Grand Isle
- b. New Member Basic Training Oct 18-19 at North Hero Fire Station
- c. Skywarn meeting – Nov 16 see NOAA website at North Hero Fire Station
- d. VEM – Nov 6 Lake Morey, Fairlee

9. Vanetta has added the Town EM plans to the website

10. ICS training/ certificate status of CERT members- we agreed to postpone to the next meeting

11. CERT website update –Vanetta has updated the site with a new registration form, minutes, events and trainings, and the calendar.

12. Tracking of CERT Training – Alison was absent. Vanetta said that she had set up an interactive page to add these to the website and has sent it to Alison. All should try to complete their ICS 100, 200, and 700 courses.

13..HAZMAT Awareness Training for Franklin/Grand Isle – Dick has been speaking with Chris Herrick and noted that Chris is planning a course for the Islands, but there is no date yet.

14. New Member Training for Fall Session: October 18-19, 2008

Dick had posters to hand out so we can post all over the Islands.

Some members who facilitated specific training chapters in the Basic Training Manual for the last training have agreed to repeat for this training.

15. State wide CERT Directors meeting to review will be held in November to review a change in format of CERT training. Dick will be attending a three-day October conference in Massachusetts that is being put on as a “train the trainer” workshop.

16. Mike Gadue has submitted his resignation to Dick Trudell

17. Radios: We have received \$400 in contributions. The total cost was \$1200. It is still possible that the LEPC may fund some of the costs.

Next Meeting: All agreed that the training is the same weekend as our regular monthly meeting. We will cancel the regular meeting for Oct 19, 2008 and concentrate on the training. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Minutes by Vanetta Darby, Grand Isle County CERT Scribe

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Dick Trudell, CERT Director