

Oregon Citizen Corps - State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2011

Present:

Fred Bretsch	FEMA Region X (phone)
Fred Broadwater	State Defense Force
David Davis	Siuslaw Fire and Rescue
Rochelle Davis	Siuslaw Fire and Rescue
Molly Fillion	Marion County
Cathy Harrington	City of Gresham
Stella Hickey	Oregon Fire Corps
Kari Markoff	Oregon Fire Corps
Mitch Neilson	City of Hillsboro
Richard Newton	Polk County Health
Krista Rowland	Marion County
Kelly Scott	American Red Cross
Andrea Zielinski	Neighborhood Watch-Douglas Co. (phone)
Kelly Jo Craigmiles, Bev Hall, Chuck Perino	Oregon Emergency Management

- 1. Introduction and Opening:** Chair Cathy Harrington opened the meeting at noon and introductions were made.
- 2. Previous Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.
- 3. Citizen Corps News and Events:**

Fire Corps: Stella Hickey said she has gained one new program and will be up to 16 by the end of the month. March 11 is the Fire Corps Conference located at the Gresham City Hall. There is room for 60 attendees. Cost is \$10. She has been working with Walmart and hopes to receive a grant between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

Medical Reserve Corps: Richard Newton said that there is a new Coos County MRC. He mentioned several trainings coming up:

2011 Public Health Summit, Atlanta, Feb 2011

<http://www.phprep.org/2011/?CFID=34205502&CFTOKEN=95186399&jsessionid=f030eac e93c6e7bd10ca161863236392a237>

2011 Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference, Tacoma, April 2011

<http://conferences.wsu.edu/emergencyprep>

2011 Integrated Training Summit, Grapevine, TX, May 2011

<http://www.integratedtrainingsummit.org/>

Oregon Emergency Management Association Conference, Sunriver, October 2011

<http://www.oregonemergency.com/>

Oregon Anthrax Exercise June 2011, Units should contact their local EM to determine if their jurisdiction will be participating.

CERT: David Davis is holding an Evacuation Exercise October 11. Kelly Jo Craigmiles announced that due to some grant funds being declined by Lane County, \$3,455 will be given to Siuslaw Valley Citizen Corps.

Red Cross: There is a shelter preparedness conference Feb. 2-4.

State: Kelly Jo said that OEM is compiling a list of COAD/VOAD agencies, with a March 31 deadline.

4. **Federal Update:** Fred Bretsch reported on the progress of the re-registration of all Citizen Corps and CERT groups on the new website. There were three webinars to help people. If groups are having challenges registering, they may select the “don’t know” choice. It seems like the word didn’t get out about the fact that everyone has to re-register, and you do not use any old log-in information.
5. **State/SAC Update:** Chuck is having more Map Your Neighborhood brochures printed. Discussion was held about having fillable MYN forms available electronically. Fred Bretsch said he would talk to Roseann in Washington where it originated.

Chuck handed out a proposed budget for spending Citizen Corps funds. Discussion was held and consensus was that it would be best to get an idea of projects from local Citizen Corps groups. The idea of offering targeted grants was discussed. Members present will research their groups for ideas. Richard suggested having an opening statement about being registered and NIMS compliant. Kelly Jo said that the projects cannot get money for hiring people or backfill for overtime of instructors. Survey questions were then formulated:

1. *How many CC partner groups are active in your jurisdiction?*
2. *What are the greatest obstacles to being a self-sufficient program?*
3. *What upcoming events do you have planned that could use resources?*
4. *What program needs do you have in order to implement program objectives?*
5. *How will your project benefit regional and partner groups?*
6. *How will project collaborate with other CC groups?*
7. *What did you learn from past successful projects?*
8. *Name three ideal projects and the approximate cost.*

The last week of February was set as a target date for a conference call regarding the progress of this project. Kelly Jo will send out an email asking for availability for the call.

6. **Growth of Citizen Corps in Oregon:** Discussion was held regarding having parameters around the CC grants to help promote self-sufficiency of jurisdictions repeatedly getting grants, and to help new groups start. The targeted grants were mentioned as a great start. Fred Broadwater moved that the CC State Advisory Council make a recommendation to OEM that the grant guidance for 2011 Citizen Corps money encourage use of funds for new programs. This could include mentoring by established groups for growth, and also accountability. Stella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. **SAC Activity:** Chuck said that there is now a Citizen Corps webpage on OEM’s site.
8. **Good of the Order:** Fred Bretsch said that there is a tutorial for the new federal website on the web, and he will send the address to Chuck.
9. **Next Meeting:** April 25 was noted on the agenda as the next date, but it actually will be **Wednesday, April 27, 2011 - 1:00 pm at Oregon Emergency Management.**