

Steuben County Citizen Corps Council
July 21, 2009

Present: Kathy Burns, Frank Doig, Dick Walters, Tim Marshall, John Meyer, Ron and Cindy Fowles.

Kathy apologized for forgetting to send out the minutes from May with a reminder to everyone of the July meeting. She thought she had already sent it and didn't realize everyone depended on that reminder for the meetings. Captain Ron and Cindy Fowles introduced themselves as the new contacts for the Hornell Salvation Army.

General Announcements

Frank Doig asked if we could get the CERT program going. Tim said that Candi Thompson had agreed to be the CERT Coordinator, but had some personal issues that took precedence this summer. Tim will contact her to see if she would be ready to take on that assignment in the fall.

Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch

Addison Neighborhood Watch- Tim will be attending their meeting on August 10th.

Bath Neighborhood Watch- No report. Tim noted that they had a very successful annual picnic.

Rathbone Neighborhood Watch- No report.

Riverside NW- Kathy reported that she had received minutes from Laurence Morey about this group. They have installed all their Neighborhood Watch signs. Deputy Shutt from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department attended the meeting and provided suggestions to the group on how to deal with parked cars in Riverside Park that appeared to be engaged in illegal activities. They are working with the Christian Hope Center to clean up graffiti from the park and bike path. They are considering a new project now that their signs are installed; perhaps adding more lighting to Riverside Park.

Canisteo NW- John reported that he heard there may be an active group in Canisteo after all. He will check into it and report at our next meeting.

Corning NW- Kathy met with this group on 5/31 to explain her role through Citizen Corps and the ways we may be able to assist them in securing signs, providing resources, assisting with printing of flyers/brochures, and connecting them to other Neighborhood Watch groups.

Medical Reserve Corps

No report

Training and Education

1. Tim is hoping to start CERT training in the fall.
2. ICS 300 will be provided at NYSEG in Hornell on September 15th, 16th, and 17th.
3. Kathy will be attending the National Conference on Citizen Preparedness from August 9th through the 12th in Washington, DC.
4. Introduction to Incident Command (700/100) will be provided in Hornell on 8/21 from 6:00 to 9:30 PM and 8/22 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

5. Introduction to Incident Command (700/100) will be presented on 7/29 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM at the Civil Defense building primarily for County Animal Rescue Team (CART) members.

Public Relations/Special Events

1. Salvation Army in Hornell is having their annual picnic on Saturday, 8/8 starting at 12:00 noon for all interested partners in disaster preparedness and response.
2. Kathy reported that there are two disaster kit presentations scheduled in Bath that are coming up for which she needs volunteers. The first is on 7/25 from 10-2 at Tops and the second is on 8/1 from 10-2 at K-mart. Please contact her if you can assist.

Old Business

Many individuals went to the NYS Citizen Preparedness conference in Albany in June. Attendees included Nancy Becker, Arlene Heffner, Frank Doig, Art Jones, John Meyer, Robin Crapo, Deb Koehler, Linda Conway, Deputy Jenny Reed, and Tim Marshall. There were approximately 250 people in attendance this year.



New Business

- 1) The Steuben County Fair is August 18th through the 23rd this year. Kathy will send out a sign-up sheet via email soon.
- 2) Can we do something for September 11th as people seem to have become complacent about this event and disaster preparedness in general? Tim and Kathy will discuss this with Linda Conway.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 30th at 1:30 PM in the South Conference Room of the Steuben County Office Building. **Please note that this date is different from what you may have on your calendar!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Burns