

**Oregon Citizen Corps
State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2010**

Present:

Akiko Berkman	State Public Health
Mitch Neilson	City of Hillsboro
Fred Bretsch	FEMA Region X
Richard Newton	Polk County Health
David & Rochelle Davis	Siuslaw Fire & Rescue
Sara Rubrecht	Josephine County Sheriff/Emergency Management
Tom Groat	Confederated Tribes of Umatilla (phone)
Kelly Scott	American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter
Cathy Harrington	City of Gresham
Stella Hickey	Oregon Fire Corps Advocate (phone)
Kelly Jo Craigmiles, Bev Hall, Matt Marheine, Chuck Perino	OEM

1. Introduction and Opening:

Chuck Perino opened the meeting at 11:00 am. and introductions were made.

2. Previous Minutes:

There were no comments on the minutes for the March 17, 2010 meeting.

3. Citizen Corps News and Events:

Florence/Siuslaw Valley: Dave Davis said that they had planned some ICS classes.

Josephine County: Sara Rubrecht handed out a brochure she uses called "Neighbor to Neighbor Project." Sara said this works better in her rural area than Map Your Neighborhood.

Gresham: Cathy Harrington said that her Citizen Corps Councils received a grant to work on a sheltering plan. It involves a lot of faith-based groups. They also have been working on merging Map Your Neighborhood into Neighborhood Watch. There was a workshop held recently with James Roddey from DOGAMI on "Are You Ready- Earthquake Preparation" which had a great turnout.

Medical Reserve Corps: Richard Newton said there is a workshop coming up with Oregon and Washington. There is free training in Washington, DC at the end of August which will be an overview of MRC and how to do things like medical triage.

American Red Cross: Kelly Scott said that the Red Cross has been reorganized. The 16 counties near the Columbia River form the Oregon Trail Chapter (OTC). OTC is now the main chapter. With the other four regional chapters reporting to them.. In Clackamas County they are working on clinics to be co-located with the MRC. This would be more than Red Cross help, but less than a major clinic, more of a minor medical center.

Tribal: Tom Groat (CTUIR) said his office has moved to a new building where they have established Fire and Emergency Evacuation Coordinators. They are training 20 people to become a CERT team. Tom is hosting a picnic in August and using it for outreach and practice.

In answer to a question regarding an organization of other tribal groups, Tom said there is a group based in Washington, but this is something that needs to be worked on in Oregon.

Fire Corps: Stella Hickey said there are 12 programs. They are getting everyone trained in ICS 100 and 200 and IS-700. They have established an 800 number for people to call in if interested in volunteering for fire departments or Fire Corps. Calls are routed to the appropriate department.

UASI: Mitch Neilson said that there will be a Citizen Corps conference Nov. 5-6. In conjunction with that they are holding a CERT Train-the-Trainer course Nov. 2-4. On Nov. 3 and 4 there will be a track for Medical Reserve Corps. Chuck Perino said that OEM is working with Mitch on the conference.

VIPS: Sara said she has an active group in Josephine County. She also reported the national leader will of VIPS be in Oregon in November.

State Defense Force: Chuck Perino asked the group if they have any dealings with the State Defense Force (SDF) No one had had any contact with units in their area. It was suggested meeting minutes and an invitation to participate in future SAC meetings be sent to OMD and a SDF representative.

4. Election of SAC Leadership Team:

Chuck nominated Cathy Harrington for Chair. It was seconded and nominations were closed. Cathy was elected by unanimous vote. The remaining positions were similarly filled. Dave Davis was elected to be Vice-Chair, and Stella Hickey was elected to be Secretary. Bev Hall will continue to take the minutes at the meetings, but Stella will be in charge of maintaining them and other correspondence.

5. State Advisory Council Activity:

Matt Marheine advised the state has been allocated \$185,000 in Citizen Corps grant funds for FY 2010. OEM keeps \$20,000 of that to utilize for statewide projects, provide partial funding (\$5,000) to OEM's public education and outreach, and to support SAC meetings. Applications for the 2010 grant funds are due July 26 at 5 pm.

There was a discussion about how much money OEM has left out of its dedicated 2008 and 2009 grant funds. Matt told the group they could spend it, just needed to know what they wanted to do with it. Ideas about using the available money were offered. Cathy said a conference would bring all the groups together. Getting the word out is an important goal. Chuck said that he is working on the Citizen Corps website to make it more user-friendly, and could make a Facebook page with contact names.

The consensus was that the SAC needs to have a project that everyone agrees on. KJ Craigmiles distributed the brainstorming ideas and meeting minutes from the March,

2009 meeting Members were encouraged to look over those ideas and make recommendations on priority projects.

KJ cautioned the money does not “belong” to the SAC to spend. The group needs to determine which priority projects they feel should be implemented, and develop a proposed budget for the projects. These would be forwarded to OEM management for consideration, review and ultimate approval.

Federal Initiatives: Fred Bretsch said that there is a September initiative to make everyone in Citizen Corps re-register on the website. These groups would have to come from organizations, not as independent groups. There will be webinars held about the process.

2010 Grants Review: Training will be developed and delivered for the SAC members selected to participate in reviewing the Citizen Corps Grant applications. Cathy, Akiko and Mitch are interested in being reviewers.

Upcoming Events:

Chuck announced that September is Emergency Preparedness Month.

August 25-26 there is a Washington State Citizen Corps Expo, along with a “meet-and-greet” with the new FEMA National Director of the Individual & Community Preparedness Division. Two people from Oregon have been selected to go, one being Chuck. The second spot paid attendance was opened up to the group, with Cathy and Mitch expressing interest. The group decided that Cathy should attend. Mitch will see if he can attend. It was suggested that those attending the OEMA Conference in October in Hood River spread the word about Citizen Corps.

6. Next meeting:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 27. The time will be decided later to not conflict with other meetings at OEM.

7. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.