



CERT Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2017

9:00 am to 10:15 am

2171 Yarrington Road, San Marcos

Attendees: Gordon DeWitte, Cathy Dowling, Laurie Taylor, Charles Johnson

Discussion Items:

1. CERT Basic Training – January 2018
 - a. Scheduled for January at the San Marcos Fire Station 5 Training Room
 - b. On 12/14/17 Planning Meeting at Station 5 - Coordinate with Rick Rowell
 - c. Gordon DeWitte will teach Unit 1 for this course
 - d. George Conwill will teach Terrorism Unit 8 for this course
 - e. Cathy Dowling will be the sponsor for this course.
2. October 2017 Medical Explorers Class
 - a. Class needs to be closed out
 - b. A few people need to finish several sections and/or the practical
 - c. Course completion will happen during the February class at San Marcos First Baptist Church
3. CERT Basic Training – February 2018 – San Marcos First Baptist Church Group - Charles
 - a. Once training is complete – focus this group on Hurricane Sheltering and Animal Sheltering
 - b. CASH-P Course - Coordinate with Red Cross to schedule.
 - c. Goal: Develop capacity for this group to assist in Austin and Hays County as needed.
 - d. Dates – 2/3/17 and 2/17/17. Practical 2/24/17 (include January class for practical)
4. Hays CISD Fire Academy – Teen CERT
 - a. On 12/27 Practical @ Kyle Fire Department at 8:00 am – will need volunteers
 - b. We had lots of help and the AAR will be produced by George Conwill.
 - c. Need to schedule a Practical for those who were not able to make 12/2/17.
5. Miscellaneous Training
 - a. Traffic Control Training will be presented as a separate training in January 2018. David Peterson will coordinate with Bob Mooney on the dates and times.
6. Swift Water Training
 - a. Coordinate with Chief Czichos for spring 2018 – March – check for interest at January mtg.
7. Radio Training
 - a. Need additional information – Gordon posted information on the website.
8. Finance Request
 - a. Charles Johnson presented information on gloves, shirts and jackets to consider purchasing for Medical Explorers. 40 of each by spring 2018.
 - b. 4 crews of 3 people that support the football games
9. Purchasing
 - a. Banner – in design process – need update
 - b. New logo – in design process – need update
10. FYI – Texas State Medical Explorers
 - a. TX State Medical Explorers need to register as a First Responder Organization (FRO)
 - b. New medical director for SMHCEMS is not able/willing to include this in her duties
 - c. Charles going to speak with TX STATE medical director to see if he will sponsor the group
 - d. Gordon will provide the St. Edwards contact to Charles to see how they are run/handled



11. Calendar

- a. December 14 – CERT Holiday party
- b. *December 12 – Training Team Meeting*
- c. *January 5, 2018 – Executive Board Meeting*
- d. *January 5, 2018 – Fuentes Elementary School – Safety Day*
- e. January 2018 – CERT Basic Training – San Marcos
- f. January 13 – CERT General Meeting – Edwards Aquifer Authority – Jon Cradit – Kyle FD + check for interest on Swift Water Awareness for March.
- g. February 2 - 2018 – *Executive Board Meeting*
- h. February 10 - 2018 – CERT General Meeting - Generator Training, Large Light training, SMART Overview
- i. February 2018 - Live Stock Show – Dripping Springs
- j. February 2018 – Basic CERT Training – San Marcos
- k. March 10 – General CERT Meeting – TBD – Swift Water Awareness
- l. April 2018 - Founders Day – Dripping Springs



Next Executive Board:

**Friday, January 5 @ 9:00 a.m. @ 2171 Yarrington Road, San Marcos
Development Services Conference Room**