

Citizen Corps Advisory Council September 11, 2007

Attendance/Roll:

Sue Vaughn, Jon Montano, Jeff Babcock, Mary Jane Tarver, Kimberly Bryant, Beth Quinlan, David R. Osborn, Dick Wetzler, Francis Valdez, Sue Davis, Suzanne Benton

Meeting commenced at 09:09 AM hours.

Meeting minutes were approved as no objections were presented.

Training;

Crestone CERT Team: Sue Vaughn advised about training on the agenda for this evening in Crestone. After tonight, they will have a better idea on how many individuals/residents are interested. Kim advised on a "territorial issue" with the training between the Red Cross Disaster Team and Crestone CERT/training. Apparently an email did not go that was supposed too. David inquired and asked Sue Vaughn to contact Donna Newsom in Saguache regarding the training if she had not already spoken to her. Vaughn said she spoke to someone at public health in Saguache yesterday.

Sue Vaughan passed around a "flyer" providing information about the training tonight. The training is occurring at the POA Hall at 7:00 PM in Crestone. Any questions call Sue Vaughan at 206-2900.

Jon M. advised about the RETAC meeting Thursday at 6:00 PM in Monte Vista.

Programs/Campaigns/Training:

Jeff Babcock with Homeland Security informed the council that the newly hired General (ret.) in charge of Homeland Security for Colorado (General Whitney) is interested in visiting each region in the state in an effort to become better acquainted with the various contacts and locations. Jeff believes this will take place next month in October. Jeff also informed all present that some of us will be heading to Denver for a meeting surrounding exercise design and planning/training seminar. Kim asked not to schedule anything on Oct. 4th and 5th as she will be unable to attend. Jeff also advised about an EOC training here in Alamosa on Nov. 7, 8, and 9th, 2007. Jeff said it is imperative that Sheriff's and Undersheriff's from regional counties attend the training so they know how this asset works and how it will help them in their events.

Jeff informed the council of the 37 target capabilities all regions will have to acknowledge for Homeland Security requirements. We all have to complete this and acknowledge the same as this is a measuring tool for the government so they can identify successes, failures and other gaps in our region.

Beth advised about planned training she is scheduling with Mike Burnett. Beth said there is also a “Be Nice” training program for higher level Incident Command Training. Beth advised that there were approximately 12 students each day for the 300 and 400 classes conducted last month. Beth will invite everyone to the training and will send out email correspondences as the planned training continues. Beth also gave a brief summary of the new regional public health contract from CDC to Colorado to the San Luis Valley. Beth also explained about upcoming RTP training for Mineral and Alamosa Counties. Beth then gave the council a brief summary of the states site visit here in the SLV and how well everyone did.

Jeff and Beth gave a continuing description of the event in Mineral County/Creede two weeks ago and what exactly happened. Mineral County did a fantastic job with the event they experienced and used their emergency plans and assets (acquired via P.H. dollars) very well. David, Jeff, and Jon participated in a “Hot Wash” debriefing last week and David will also complete an After Action Report and Improvement Matrix on this event. This report will be provided to Mineral County, CDPHE, and interested requesting members of the Citizen Corps Council.

Sue Davis said she had been working with Lorrie Crawford on the Citizen Corps website. Sue asked everyone to visit the site and suggest things that need to be added or changed. NACCHO grant: Sue has spoken with Washington D.C. The SLV Citizen Corps website is fulfilling the grant requirements relating to the received \$10,000. Sue will be requesting an additional \$5000.00 this next period. David will send the application to Sue that was used last year for the \$10,000. It is costing approximately \$12.00 a month for the website www.slvcitizencorps.org and some money is being paid to Lorrie Crawford to keep this site updated. (Changes to the web site: *take out* the public invited to attend the meetings Other suggestions?????)

“Be Ready” Campaign: Citizen Corps is participating with this. BReadyblog.com is a site where the council can visit this campaign. Lisa Werts with Red Cross and Sue visited about this program and the Seniors Helping Seniors program. Red Cross isn’t doing anything with this program now; Sue will follow up on the Seniors Helping Seniors program. Sue will visit with Leroy Chacon this month as she didn’t get a chance last month as he was working nights. Sue will be attending the RETAC meeting this week on Thursday. Judy Crisco at SLV Junction may be a good asset for advertising. Sue has provided the Valley Courier and Monte Vista Journal information on the Be Ready campaign. Monte Vista Journal published an article this week.

Kimberly handed out information regarding communication plans and objectives. Jon suggested more media contact for the Citizen Corps Coordinator so everyone can identify Sue Davis and Citizen Corps. Jon provided some additional media resources.

The suggestion was offered to make the Citizen Corps Advisory Council more of a permanent board with more structure. The suggestion was also made NOT to make this meeting a public one do to the confusion this could create for the Citizen Corps Coordinator as it relates to reporting, supervision, etc. A second meeting could be held in an effort to inform the public on our intentions as it relates to CERT, Be Ready, and other volunteer programs. A consensus was that Beth could head up the volunteer part of these programs as she is already the lead and informed professional working with the MRC and volunteers. Kimberly seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed 211 and if this program was up and running or not. We contacted 211 through 589-0211 after being initially transferred to Denver United Way. Sue is going to contact Stephanie Steffens from Valley Community Fund (VCF) Board on the status of the program.

Sue showed an example of the B. Ready kit, and how it works. All were invited to take the kit home and forward the information contained to others.

Frances Valdez: advised the council of her intentions and plans as it relates to seniors in the area and the emergency preparedness program they are required to have.

David sent Stephanie Steffens a correspondence inquiring about VCF and 211. The noted info was CC'd to Sue.

Next meeting will be October 9th, 2007 here in Alamosa.

No further entries