

Rockbridge Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Minutes

Date: October 12, 2021

Volunteers Present: Alan Porter, Bill Russell, Brandy Flint, Brenda Jackson, Byron Porter, Christian Larlee, Jutta Hopkins, Kathy Larlee, Margaret Ann Paxton.

1. **Brandy Flint, Team Leader, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.** Bill Russell was welcomed to the team and will participate in today's CPR training. Welcome, Bill!
2. **One item was added to the agenda.** No items were added to the agenda.
3. **The September 2021 minutes were approved with no changes.** A motion was made, seconded, and all present voted in favor to accept the minutes.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. We will discuss and vote on updating volunteer levels at the December meeting. Proposed levels will be distributed in advance of the meeting.
 - b. Unit documents will be updated following approval of the December changes.
 - c. Brandy reported that we communicated with Amanda Loreti after last month's presentation. We will stay in touch with them and learn more about their program and if/how it could work in Rockbridge County.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. The Basic Training classes scheduled for the end of October and early November have been canceled. A dozen people signed up as interested at the Community Festival, only one person signed up for the class. After some discussion it was determined that we will attempt to hold Basic Training again sometime in the Spring of 2022.
 - b. Kathy discussed a toy distribution event that will be held December 13-17. She is working on a location and will provide additional details. Other community organizations, including the Sheriff's Department, will be involved.
6. **Upcoming events:**
 - a. The preparedness presentation for homeschool students will be scheduled for November 11th or 18th. Brandy will send out an email confirming the date/time to those interested in teaching this.
 - b. Stop the Bleed training will be offered to all volunteers in November. (Instructor: Marianna Higgins, EMT, CERT Volunteer)
7. **Welcome:** Bill Russell was welcomed to the team and will participate in today's CPR training.
8. **Training:** Captain Thomas Andrews provided training and certification for American Heart Association Basic Life Support which includes adult, child, and infant CPR, AED, and treatment of airway obstructions.
9. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.**

Administrative and Finance Chief: Jutta Hopkins

Next Meeting: November 9, 2021, at 17:30 @ Fire and Rescue Administration Building – 100 Baner Lane, Buena Vista, VA 24416.