



## Belmont- San Carlos CERT Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/11/09

Location: San Carlos City Hall

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### Discussion topics:

-Next team meeting is tentatively September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Belmont at Fire Station 14

-Christy discussed topics for future meetings, including FRS radio training and a skills drill. The next two classes will be a two-part FRS radio class series. A skills drill will be scheduled for sometime in early November, occurring at three locations and covering medical triage and mass casualty scenarios.

>>Homework- prior to the FRS class, all attendees should read their owner's manual for their radios (if you have your own) and be knowledgeable on how to set the channel and "privacy" codes.

- The next topic was on the success of the July CERT social event. The group decided that another social event during the holiday season would be good and a tentative date of December 8 was set. Location will probably be Belmont Fire Station 14. It will be a potluck, folks can bring some appetizers and a dessert dish to share (no alcohol though!)

### CERT trailer news:

-We still look forward to an updated spreadsheet from Kelly Long who is currently back in school at Chico State. The lists are still posted on the blog for review and comment.

- Miles donated a wheel chock for one of the trailers.

- Christy announced that work is already underway to get markings and logos for trailer #2

- Volunteers are welcome to obtain pricing information for trailers #3 & 4

### Skills Drills:

- Christy talked about the need to obtain some skills mockup units for water, gas & electrical hookups.

-We also need volunteers to assist in conducting the skills drills for the upcoming CERT classes

-There was a quick review of the Redwood City skills drill for those who were unable to attend.

-Regarding the recent topic on raising the visibility of CERT in the community, 60 pamphlets were handed out at the last San Carlos Farmer's Market. Volunteers are needed for staffing the booth during the Belmont Farmer's Market.

-Christy discussed the need for a radio plan for local CERT groups. George Kranen briefed the group on progress on a HAM radio frequency plan to coordinate City, County and State OES (Office of Emergency Services). Next effort will be a FRS/GMRS plan.

-Christy next discussed the opportunity for CERT to help with REGULAR SEASONAL flu vaccine inoculations this fall at different sites in the County. CERT would be assisting the County Public Health in the setup and operations of the field sites. This is an opportunity for volunteers to receive training to assist in the future "if or when an H1N1 vaccine should become available". Volunteers would be needed to assist with a mass vaccination (set-up, registration, paper work, staffing) as County Public Health and Emergency Services do not have enough staff to support a large-scale vaccination event. By doing this, we will assist with testing a plan to address the up coming seasonal flu. This was followed by a discussion on the developing H1N1 flu pandemic and its possible effects. The greatest concern being the large numbers of infected people and how it could result in loss of public services due to manpower shortages.

-Hayman Tam donated a vinyl BSC CERT banner for use at public events. He also presented some prototype T-shirts for everyone to review with some preliminary orders being taken (see below, also available in black with white lettering). Other items such as LED Glow-Sticks, LED flashlights, and CERT caps were available for purchase and sold briskly.

