

ORANGE CERT MEETING MINUTES

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TOWN CLERK

Held at High Plains Community Center (Food Pavilion)

Attendance: Marisa Russo, Tino Russo, Maria Russo, Robert Klatzkin, Scott Massey, Jeff Cap, Lisa Hartshorn, Larry Hartshorn, Lynn Knight, Fred Palmer, Ed Klein, Susan Smith

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held in memory of CERT Team Leaders Allen Mushin (1938-2021), and Ken Lyke, Jr. (1953-2021)

CERT Leadership Team:

Leader- Marisa Russo

Assistant Leader- Rob Klatzkin

Administrative Assistant Secretary- Susan Smith

Record Keeping- TBA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Tino Russo

Tino spoke how well the Covid Clinic at HPCC was run and the exemplary job that the CERT Team did. Despite the many changes that were coming through the state daily about new protocol to the vaccines the clinic ran well. Virtually every department in the Town of Orange was involved in some way.

TEAM LEADER: Marisa Russo spoke about the recent activities that were held.

- Lions Club Easter Bunny CERT assisted with the flow of traffic for drive by treats.

- Drug Take Back held at CVS (TARGET). Detective Carolyn Bailey was in charge.
- Memorial Day Parade was canceled due to inclement weather. However, inside ceremonies did take place.

Fred Palmer spoke about the OATHS. He also stated that hurricane season is upon us. With that, a discussion followed about shelter supplies. Blankets have been kept in unsanitary conditions, and Lisa Hartshorn stated that an overhaul of the closet needs to be done.

Tino did speak about the storage closet and how unsafe it is. Due to its small size and the amount of items being stored on the shelves which *have not* been secured can be a dangerous scenario.

A group of volunteers as well as Shelter Committee people will have to find a time when this can be done. Also, a new inventory of items clothing, etc. needs to be taken. Some of the non-shelter supplies will be moved to the OPD for storage.

Tino spoke about radios, and that everyone should have one. There are many of the older *larger* radios which need to be reprogrammed.

Tino spoke about TRAINING as well as beginning a new CERT class for interested people. Perhaps an article in the local newspaper might spark some interest.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JULY 4th FIREWORKS CANCELLED
- OVFC Carnival is August 5-8.
- Orange Country Fair September 17-19

The Phone Tree was discussed. Jeff Cap discussed GroupMe which is a mobile group messaging app owned by Microsoft. Jeff will give a class on how this works.

CERT would like to thank Jeff for his expertise in setting up ZOOM and other technical support.

A BIG thank you to Laurie Swatt for her years of service to the Orange CERT Team and her help at the COVID Clinic. Good Luck, Laurie in Florida.

Sympathy gift baskets were sent to Sheila Mushin and Kathleen Lyke.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

Submitted by: Susan Smith, Secretary