



Citizen Corps Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 14, 2015
Independence Public Library
6361 Selig Blvd.
Independence, Ohio 44131
2:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

Table with 5 columns: NAME, Present, ASSOCIATION, ALTERNATE, Present. Rows include Rebecca Hysing, Sharon Nicastro, Marek Owca, Nicholas Phillips, Karen Seidman, Serena Steele, and Rick Whitehead.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

Quorum present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Marek Owca and seconded by Karen Seidman to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2015, meeting. Yes: Hysing, Nicastro, Owca, Seidman, Whitehead; No: None; Abstentions: None

4. CREDENTIALING

The Council reviewed the credentialing criteria for CERT volunteers. Marek Owca made a motion to accept the criteria. Rick Whitehead seconded. Yes: Hysing, Nicastro, Owca, Seidman, Whitehead; No: None; Abstentions: None.

4. URBAN AREA HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY

The CERT If You See Something, Say Something project was cancelled due to lack of participation. The Council will consider other means to meet the core capabilities.

**5. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

Citizen Corps did not submit any requests for funding.

**7. CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEERS**

The Citizen Corps request to have individual volunteers was submitted to the County Department of Human Resources. The request is in the hands of the Compliance Team and will then go to the Law Department.

**8. VOAD/LTRG WORKING GROUP**

The Working Group encountered legal questions that will be forwarded to the County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the County Law Department. The Working Group is on hold pending answers to the questions.

**9. VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION CENTERS**

The Working Group is progressing with the VRC plan. The Council discussed the need for volunteers to staff a VRC and discussed features that a facility should have.

**10. ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

The Council discussed potential members of the Working Group. Ohio EMA has a template that will help to identify issues and guide planning.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

Citizen Corps needs to review and revise its Bylaws and develop a Strategic Plan.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

None

**13. NEXT MEETING**

Friday, November 20, 2015 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – American Red Cross

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.