

Steuben County Citizen Corps Council

1/25/2011

Present: Kathy Burns, Dick Walters, Ruth Walters, Art Jones, Deb Koehler, Stacy Jackson

General Citizen Corps Announcements:

- Many may have read in the paper that Steuben County voted NOT to accept the CASE grant which would have provided 3 trailers and cages to house animals during a disaster in Steuben, Schuyler, and Chemung counties. Kathy has spoken to Tim Marshall in regards to this and there are a few other considerations being pursued at this time. Hopefully, this will be resolved so that we will have access to this equipment.
- Minutes were reviewed. No changes were made and they were accepted.

Neighborhood Watch:

- Bath- no report
- Addison- No report
- Riverside- no report
- Kathy reported that there is a third neighborhood watch group in Corning, and she read in the Corning Leader that they were helpful in the closing of a second meth lab in their neighborhood.

Medical Reserve Corps:

No report

Training and Education:

- The CERT class in Cohocton scheduled for January through March was cancelled due to lack of registration. Five individuals registered and there is a minimum of 12 participants needed to conduct the CERT series. We hope to offer it again in March through May.
- Tim reported that there are no SEMO courses in our area coming up in the next couple of months.

Public Relations:

- Kathy asked the committee's opinion about publicity for Citizen Corps. Art asked if Mary Perham would be interested in writing an article about Citizen Corps and include information about CERT. He also suggested the possibility of recognizing Corning Neighborhood Watch in the newspaper for all their efforts.
- Kathy let the council know that our Citizen Corps Council needs to re-register as an existing council on the FEMA website. The registration process involves 18 pages of questions concerning our mission, membership, and activities. Some of the questions have been food for

thought about changes we may want to make in our membership and activities. Kathy will bring copies of the completed registration form to our March meeting so that the entire council can review our status and consider changes.

Old Business:

- Art reported on the 10.000 Links program- they have completed training for 3245 individuals which puts them on track for the three year program. Students in Hammondsport were trained as well as students at the Dana Lyon School in Bath. Art has been asked to present at conferences and they are considering the development of a streamlined CERT program for kids.
- Kathy updated everyone on the 9-1-1 memorial plans. Mike Sprague finally heard back from the Port Authority of NJ/NY and they indicated that they had offered 1 foot sections of I-beams to other organizations. Mike will be contacting them again to find out if we can have a larger amount and if the steel we receive can be manipulated. The design that was developed was shared with the Council, and more information will be provided as we receive it.
- Tim did submit another grant for Citizen Corps and included monies to assist with the backpack program that Stephanie Rawleigh wanted to spearhead. We have received no word yet whether it was accepted.

New Business:

None

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Burns

Next meeting: 3/22 at 1:30 in South Conference Room