



CERT

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Weare Town Hall

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OFFICERS

Director Peter Buono
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CERT MEMBERS

Douglas Alwine, Chris Boyko, Peter Buono, Lana Doughty, Karen Coulters, Alan Fronk, Corey Heath, Remi Lisee, Diane Lusardi, Paul Marsh, Linda West, Mike Coulters, Rick Bagley, Ellen Bagley, Lisa Baron.

CERT MEMBERS ATTENDING

Douglas Alwine, Chris Boyko, Peter Buono, Lana Doughty, Alan Fronk, Corey Heath, Diane Lusardi, Rick Bagley

GUESTS

Susan Jutras – Goffstown CERT

AGENDA

The purpose of this meeting is to.

- Questions for Goffstown CERT
- Discuss Hold Harmless Forms
- Town map
- New Business

DISCUSSION

Meeting was called to order by Peter at 1900 hours.

Peter introduced Susan Jutras from Goffstown CERT. Prior to this meeting an email was sent to Weare CERT asking for questions they might have for Goffstown CERT. The reply email was sent to Al Raymond of Goffstown CERT. Susan went over these questions one by one.

1. Are you covered by workers comp insurance and if so by who? Goffstown CERT is covered as long as they are activated by the Emergency Management Director, which is their police chief.
2. How are you notified of a call out? They have four CERT officers that rotate being on call. They receive a call from dispatch and then call the CERT by phone.
3. Do you have predetermined call out reasons?
No, they must be called for each event.
4. How are you funded?
Funding is 100% grant money from Volunteer NH.
5. What do you have for equipment?
Goffstown has just purchased a trailer to carry shelter equipment. A detailed list of equipment was provided by Goffstown CERT.

6. Who do you report to?
The Goffstown CERT reports to the Emergency Management Director.
7. What do you do to stay active during slow times or between call outs?
Train, train, train. Goffstown CERT trains very closely with the fire department. Some of the CERT have sat in on the fire department rookie classes. Many have completed the Citizens Police Academy which was sponsored by the police department. They plan on hosting a personal safety class in the near future.
8. What do you use to communicate between CERT's and command?
Many use personal cell phones and FMRS radios.
9. Can Weare CERT get a copy of the budget for the past two years?
10. Goffstown CERT provided the last two years budget. 2005 was \$10,000.00 and 2006 was \$11,305.00. CERT puts the proposed budget together and submits it to the CCC who then forwards it to the EMD. After he/she reviews it, it is then sent to Volunteer NH.

Susan explained that the Goffstown Police utilize them often the Chief is a big supporter.

Peter handed out the Hold Harmless forms to all attending. After a discussion, none of the CERT's wanted to sign the form. Many felt the hold harmless form was asking them to give up their rights and it also says they are not covered for liability. Peter explained that at the CCC meeting Fred stated the fire chief does not want to use CERT because of the lack of workers comp insurance. This was then confirmed by Sharon, the fire department secretary. Chief Begin said that has no problem using CERT as long as they understand they are not covered under worker comp. He added that he didn't to call them for serious accident on River Rd.

There is free training for CERT on January 12 & 13 in Concord. Peter will forward this info to all.

Meeting adjourned at 2100

Respectfully submitted

Peter Buono - Director