

Minutes of the **CERT Team Meeting** held at 7 pm on March 29, 2005, at Nations Real Estate, 11727 College Blvd.

Members present: Rich Triola, Lee Hays, Jay O'Neil, Tim Elliott, Linda Tamosiunas, Krishna Dronamraju

The following items were discussed during this short one-hour meeting.

- - Tim requested for a mission statement of CERT Team. Rich, Jay, Lee & Krishna talked about their training experience. A clear introduction is available on the FEMA web site at: <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/is317.asp>
- - Linda explained her action item from previous meeting to prepare a resource survey questionnaire to collect information from each CERT team member (and neighbors). The discussion also included about collecting information from Shannon Valley residence on their special needs if any (wheel chairs etc) in case of a sudden widespread emergency. The issue of privacy of information came up and doubts were expressed on how any resident would be willing to give such confidential information. Several solutions including giving the community adequate publicity about the need to give such information to CERT team – this could be through articles in the Newsletter, on the web, through emails or through each Block Captain. A good strategy is needed to collect the information and to keep it private. In a true emergency is it possible to track where this info is and make use of the same?
- - One suggestion was to socialize CERT goals and team members within the community. This could be done by holding CERT Team meetings – some of which may include light CERT Demos like the purpose of a Triage, how to shut down gas and electricity, directing walking wounded to help others, and making the team visible through their hats and vests within the community.
- - Linda, the Block Captain of area 2, volunteered to hold the April CERT meeting (**April 26, 2005 at 7 pm**) at her home (11192 Benson) and invite some of her neighboring Block Captains along with the CERT Team.
- - Attending Members decided that CERT summer meetings may be held at Block Captain's / CERT Team Members homes to socialize / popularize the CERT activities and goals.

Action Items:

- - Rich to request Michelle to supply the multipurpose forged tool (to shut off gas, break glass, turn water off etc), which was given to the recent CERT trainees during the training. The previous trainees did not get this very useful tool
- - Rich to order some more CERT T-shirts for the rest of the team who did not get them last time