



BARROW COUNTY CERT OFFICERS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held March 11, 2020

Roll Call of Officers

Team Chief	Dave Mueller	Excused
Deputy Team Chief / Training Captain	Vance Oakes	Present
Finance Officer / Planning Officer	Fern Oakes	Present
Operations Captain / Communications Lieutenant	Mike Wolcott	Present
Safety Captain	Tina Watkins	Present
Medical Lieutenant	Carol Goodnight	Present
Field Operations Lieutenant	OPEN	
Logistics Lieutenant	Michael Toney	Present
Public Information Officer / IT Officer	John Sliman	Excused
Secretary	Steve Kemble	Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Vance called the meeting to order and took roll call. Vance and Mike attended a special LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting. It was well attended as it was about the Corona virus. It was put on by the Public Health Department – Barrow County and Region 10. Vance asked Mike to provide a synopsis of that meeting.

There have been local meetings with officials and are in a preparation mode. There is no immediate threat here. A few terms to be familiar with: Epidemic is a rapid increase of infection. A pandemic is worldwide. An Outbreak is the same epidemic but in a local area. If you start showing symptoms: shortness of breath, fever of over 100.4 for over twenty-four hours – it may not be Corona virus but you may want to contact your health provider. Call before you go in. Those that are at higher risk are older adults, or those with serious chronic medical conditions. Most people will be able to recover from Covid-19 at home. Clean surface frequently with disinfectants. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for twenty seconds. Hand sanitizer must have at least sixty percent alcohol. It is recommended you stay home for a period of time if possible. The Corona virus is not new, what is new is the strain. Watch for symptoms. if you develop emergency warning signs (difficulty in breathing, new confusion, persistent pain or pressure, bluish lips or face) try to get medical attention as soon as possible. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) puts out frequent updates. You can visit cdc.gov or dph.georgia.gov. There is also a phone number you can call (866-pub-hlth) for updates.

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Deputy Chief / Training Captain

Class is going well. Med Ops II is next. The people in class appear to be enjoying it. We had twenty-four registered. Nineteen showed up the first night. Sixteen the second night, and thirteen during the last class. Most people from the last class have not showed up to anything since. We have a limit to the size of the team. That limit is forty. We have thirty-five people on roll right now, at least ten are inactive. Vance opened the topic for discussion. Vance will ask for the vest, shirts, and 4-in1 tool returned from the inactive volunteers. Vance proposed that volunteers only get the 4-in1 tool after six months' probation and vetted. The vest will be provided after they are vetted. Shirt will be provided after completion of the class so that they can participate in things like festivals. The motion passed. Vance talked about the CERT participating in the Statham Sunflower Festival and his discussion with the new Mayor. He offered to allow us the location of our choice and to pay the fee out of city funds if it came for that. The festival will be mid-September.

Finance Officer / Planning Officer

There will be an Employee Health Care Event for the employees of Barrow County on May 1st. It will be held at the Leisure Center from 10 till 2. More details will come. We will only need a few volunteers. Dave, Fern, and Richard still need to get together to transfer the finance documentation.

Operations Captain / Communications Lieutenant

The communications trailer has been moved from Station 1 to Station 3. It is in a separate bay from the operational bays. Go into the office and the key on a wrench. You can go to the side and open the door to get in. The next radio testing session will be Sunday April 5th. Mike would like to reserve three tables and some safety cones for Field Day on the June 26th thru the 28th.

Safety Captain

Nothing at this time.

Medical Lieutenant

There may be an issue in the future due to the corona virus.

Logistics Lieutenant

Inventory is scheduled for May 8th at Stor-A-Way and on the 11th at the CERT office. Mike will bring the documents to the next meeting to give to Fern.

There was then a discussion about the Barrow County Veterans Resource Center.

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Secretary

John and I would like to have the organization chart modified to say "IT Team" so that people can be rotated in and out as John sees fit. We are still making updates to the website. We are working on getting our Amazon Items listed on our web site. Amazon requires us to have traffic from our web site to Amazon to continue in their program.

Motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary

Steve Kemble