



Attendees at this meeting:

RBCERTAA Board Members	Present	Guests in Attendance
President - Sandy Marchese	X	Mike Grady
Vice President - Doug Rodriguez	X	Bob Heil
Treasurer - Gary Horn	X	Chris Meyers
Secretary - Bob Applegate	X	Nancy Nickels
Phil Gilbreth	Excused	Dan Madrigal (RBF)
Bob Kumler	X	Derek Berz
Marcelle McCullough	X	Rick Kuciemba (RBF)
Susanne Rengo	X	
Monty Ruth	X	
Courtney Steeneken	Excused	
Board Position 11 [Position Vacant]	-	
Number of Board Members Present	8	
Fire Department Liaison		
Captain Dan Bliss (6:43)	X	
X = Present, A = Absent		

The regular monthly meeting of the Redondo Beach CERT Alumni Association was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 6:30PM, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

- I. **Introduction of Guests:** Sandy
- II. **Presentation of Agenda Order and Request for Additions/Deletions:** Sandy
- III. **Nominations for Board:**
 - A. One position open.
- IV. **Chief Madrigal:**
 - A. Thanked CERT team for showing up at recent tsunami callout. Thank you letters from Chief Whittaker have been created to thank those that responded to the callout.
 - B. Noted that if the recently donated van was not up to snuff, that they'd make it right. Mike Grady gave Chief Madrigal a list of items requiring attention on the van, based upon Mike's review of the van.
 - C. Noted that upcoming Redondo ballot measure UU could effect the way the city gets revenue.
 - D. Mike Grady noted that CERT got good feedback during the emergency from police officers in the field.
- V. **Fire Department Corner:** Captain Dan Bliss



RBCERTAA board member Monty Ruth, seated right, instructs drill attendees on radio protocols during the recent Shakeout drill at Alta Vista Park.

- A. Captain Bliss noted that there were too many CPR training “walk ins” at the recent CERT class. Dan reiterated how important it was to RSVP for such events.
- B. Mike Grady recommended making AED one of the refresher stations at the next CERT training event.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Treasurer’s Report: Gary
 - 1. Presentation and call for approval of Treasurer’s Report.
 - a) Prior balance: \$4421.90
 - b) Revenues received: \$406.00
 - c) Payments made: \$821.86
 - d) Ending balance: \$4006.04
 - 2. Reimbursement requests and presentation of current bills for payment.
 - a) None
- B. Other items
 - 1. Vehicle Donation/Photo Op
 - a) We have a PR opportunity to photograph the handover of the van keys from Chief Madrigal to RBCERTAA.
 - 2. Callout List – Marcelle (Becky Sims, Monty, Mike Grady)
 - a) The callout list volunteers (Marcelle, Susanne, Gloria McClusky, Gary, Doug, Nancy Nickels, and Sandy) to call 1400 former RBCERT grads in an effort to update our alumni contact info.
 - 3. CERT Class 41
 - a) Sandy reported that the class is well underway and that the class took it upon itself to provide RBCERTAA a list with their email addresses.



RBCERTAA team members (from left) Monty Ruth, Sandy Marchese, Mike Grady, Gary Horn, Ken Carr and far right, Doug Rodriguez, discuss the drill with RBF D Chief Hyink.

VII. New Business:

- A. Meetings – Sandy
- B. Topics of discussion:
 - 1. Tsunami Event
 - a) Sandy reported on the CERT response to the tsunami warning callout. The RB City Manager was the Incident Commander. Sandy worked at the CERT desk.
 - 2. Vehicle Mechanical Evaluation, DMV, Insurance, Color, and Sponsors
 - a) Sandy: insurance is in effect, DMV is in process.
 - b) Mike Grady: The trailer hitch will take time due to the complexity of the requirements for a hitch on this type of bumper. He’s also looking for a free paint job for the van.
 - c) Mike provided details from his inspection of the van. Estimated cost to fix all the deficient items was approximately \$2900.
 - 3. Shakeout
 - a) Sandy noted that the EOC end of things is under control for the start of the drill. She’ll arrive at the EOC shortly after 10:15AM, having confirmed that her personal safety was assured and her equipment was secure.
 - b) A room upstairs in the library has been reserved for tabulating email responses from CERT members.
 - c) Monty Ruth suggested that callout email remind responders to bring FRS radios to the drill.
 - d) Sandy suggested that roles be assigned prior to the start of the drill rather than responding “ad-hoc.”

- e) Marcelle asked what would folks do if they don't have radios to bring? RBCERT has 10 radios that we can borrow for the drill.
- f) Sandy didn't want the email to be too specific about PPE details.
- 4. Attending Red Cross Conference
 - a) Sandy noted that costs for attending this Nov. 4th event would be approx. \$120, with early registration.
 - b) Gary moved for the board to pay the fee for Sandy to attend the event. The motion passed.
- 5. BCHD Flu Shots - Oct. 24, Nov. 14
 - a) CERT volunteers needed to assist with the event
 - b) Shifts are 9AM-5PM, 8AM-1:30PM and 1-6PM
- C. Committee Updates:
 - 1. Community Relations - Gary
 - a) Safety Fair - October 4th
 - (1) We sold \$57 in opportunity tickets for a backpack donated by More Prepared. Gary felt that this was less successful than expected.
 - (2) 80 drinks were sold.
 - (3) 17 folks left contact info so as to be contacted regarding the next CERT Academy. Additional people took info on CERT.
 - (4) Some data was gathered on RBCERT alumni for the updated database.
 - 2. Shakeout ~ Marcelle/Monty (Discussed under New Business)
 - 3. Funding/PR - Marcelle
 - Marcelle requested that her committee report be deferred until the next board meeting.
 - a) Sandy noted that we may get \$200 from Northrop Grumman as the result of a grant request.
 - 4. Apparel - Chris Meyers.
 - a) Chris plans to offer apparel at events (under the table), also at CERT trainings.
 - 5. Communications - Bob Applegate
 - a) Newsletter - Bob reported no further progress on the monthly newsletter.
 - b) Website - Bob Kumler (out of town)
 - 6. Equipment - Phil
 - a) Phil had previously requested delaying this report until next month.
- D. Recent Classes & Meetings
 - 1. Area G meeting – October 1 – Sandy, Gary, Susanne
 - a) Sandy stated that most cities attending the Area G meeting advised they were doing a smaller scale Shakeout drill from last year.



RBCERTAA team members receive the callout feedback report from RBCERTAA Vice President Doug Rodriguez.

VIII. Announcements

- A. Thursday, October 15th – Southern California Shakeout & RBCERTAA Event
- B. Tuesday & Wednesday, October 20 & 21 – All Hazard Conference
- C. Tuesday & Thursday, October 27 & 29 – NIMS Training in Lawndale
- D. Saturday, October 31 – CERT Class #41 Graduation at Station 2
- E. Wednesday, November 4th – Red Cross 25th Annual Disaster Preparedness Academy
- F. Saturday, November 7th – CERT Training (2nd of the Semi Annual Training for 2009)

IX. Open Forum

- A. Sandy noted that the City of Torrance Safety Fair is this weekend.

- B. Monty Ruth expressed frustration that his interest in continuing a discussion was being rushed.
- X. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

Bob Applegate, Secretary