

Emergency Management Committee Meeting Notes - February 20, 2023

Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Bill Dean, Jay Bakst, Ron Dawson, Allen Israel, Dave Codier, Jane Holmes

Welcome and Introductions

Introduced Jane Holmes as the liaison to PLEM of the PLVC

Approval of Minutes from Last Month

Minutes were approved

· **County DEM Topics - Dave**

Finished the application for the medical reserve corps (MRC), awaiting recognition.

MRC is a way to be able to utilize volunteers in the event of an emergency.

During non-emergency times, there are educational opportunities like health fairs.

As example, Bremerton had an organized MRC when Covid hit and was able to utilize them right away

Members will be vetted. Starting with vaccination team and then adding to the group.

Full roll out at County Picnic

In an emergency, the MRC can start at the HUBs as a medical resource.

MRC will be integrated into the emergency response.

Co Managed by DEM and EPH

Want to create a branch that deals with animals, tied with Emergency Support Function (ESF)

Targeting drill in June 2024

CPR - DEM is looking to fund people to become CPR instructors and also First Aid instructors

CERT Team met last week. The CERT team is looking at what programs are going to be started soon. Port Ludlow is one possibility. However, it was a small number of people that were involved earlier when programs stopped due to Covid.

HUB - Bi-Weekly HUB Leadership meetings

Don't replace current neighborhood programs, try to augment programs

What does the community have from a material perspective to deal with an emergency?

There are some items to provide. Space will be needed.

AED program - MRC and HUB program will look at AED deployments

Tsunami Inundation exercise on March 22 - Incident management team only

- **Communications Ramp Up Plan – Rick / Bill**

We have 4 communications centers, none have automatic generator backup, two have manual backups, one has battery backup. Looking to be able to access the communication centers from one's car.

Rick is inventorying the equipment.

Developing a step by step way for someone to access the comm centers.

GMRS communication to VCOMM

Need to have HAM operators to be available for emergencies.

- **Block Captain Activation - Bill**

Still working on a determination of when and how to activate the Block Captain network.

A possibility that once or twice a day, PLEM will disseminate information.

- **HUB Concept - Bill**

We are set up for two main communication centers. They will become community HUB

We have 35 neighborhoods. Each will have their own hub

Seattle has put out a detailed HUB program. Shall we "borrow" from it?

DEM will work with Community HUBs rather than neighborhood hubs. They may set up aid stations.

- **LMC EPC Topics – Ron & Allen**

Way of supplementing the File of Life program. Idea of having a photo of an individual on

File of Life folder. Suggestion to identify whether the patient is on MyChart and/or which hospital(s) they use as primary.

Looking to create video on Emergency Planning

Next Meeting, Monday, March 20, 1:00 pm