CERT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS
CONFERENCE CALL – June 23, 2020 / 1:30PM
MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Dan Martin called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and welcomed those on the call. Roll call was taken and the following were in attendance:

- Balla, Tonya - Mundelein Fire Department
- Billings, Trish - Milton Township
- Brooks, Connie - LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency
- Clifford, Kurt - Hanover Township Emergency Services
- Crawford, David - Northbrook Fire Department
- Danley, Ed – Naperville Fire Department
- Drendel, Beth – North Aurora Police Department
- Drotor, Sheri – Cumberland County Health Department
- Frizelis, Rich – Chicago Police Department- 12th District Community Policing Office
- Frohn, Laura - Naperville Fire Department
- Gaonkar, Gaurav - Village of Oak Park
- Charles, Geraci – Village of Alsip
- Hanneken, Michelle - Serve Illinois Commission
- Hemrick, Dottie - Milton Township
- James, Randy - South Lake County Regional CERT
- Keen, Linda - Carol Stream Police Department
- Lapcewich, Dean - Milton Township
- Lehrman, Diane – Milton Township
- Martin, Daniel - Village of New Lenox
- Moore, Jeanine - Milton Township
- Moos, Mike -Sherman Emergency Management Agency
- Sklansky, Jordan – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency
- Tubbs, Latesha – City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications
- Van Bladel, Mike - Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency
- Wilson, Rich - Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency
- Winter, Nancy – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2020 CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
Dan advised that the Minutes from the February 25, 2020 Conference Call were previously distributed to members via email. Dan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Rich Wilson made a motion to approve the Minutes, followed by a second from Mike Moos. There was no discussion following the motions and the Minutes were approved by a voice vote with no objections.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Document
Dan Martin stated that there are currently 76 members listed on this document as our Association continues to grow. Dan also asked to encourage your volunteers / members, especially in Central and Southern Illinois, to get others involved with our Association. Please have them send an email to Dan (**dmartin@newlenox.net**) with their contact information so they can be added.

Geocoding CERT Teams / Association Members
Dan Martin informed that as new members join the Association, Edgar Rodriguez will populate the Geocoding application with the new members data. To see where our Teams / Members are located, follow this link:
https://wiugiscenter.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2fc5e94cf46940cf864940bcf83435f2

Dan also stated that this information or link should not be shared with the public as some information might not need to be freely available.

"Basecamp"
Dan Martin stated that Basecamp is a message board as well a mechanism for dissemination of CERT related information (via email), content for our newsletter can be sent by members. It's also a place where our members can view newsletters, Meeting Agendas, and Minutes.

Dan also added that as we take on new members, Basecamp will be updated accordingly.

Facebook Page
"A job well done" was given to Tonya Balla by Dan Martin for her work on the Facebook site

Per Dan, we currently have 474 "Likes" and 498 "Followers" as of June 19, 2020 and we still need to continue to roll out exposure for the site.

The CERT Association of Illinois Facebook Page can be found at:
https://www.facebook.com/CERTAssociationofIllinois/

PLEASE send content to Facebook Page Administrators:

1. Tonya Balla balla93@sbcglobal.net

2. Beth Drendel brdrendel@gmail.com

3. Dan Martin dmartin@newlenox.net

Web Site (eventually https://www.certillinois.com/)
Dan Martin stated that THIS REMAINS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND BY NO MEANS FINAL. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE LINK.

Dan also informed that Gaurav Gaonkar will also help in rolling out the Website

Please send any comments, ideas, and suggestions to Dan Martin dmartin@newlenox.net ASAP so changes can be made and we can open the site up to the public.

CERT Association of Illinois Newsletter
Per Kurt Clifford, the June, 2020 Newsletter has been published and the September, 2020 Newsletter deadline to submit content is August 15th.

Kurt also informed that content and photos can be uploaded to "Basecamp" for the newsletter team to work with. Email content to Kurt Clifford kclifford@hanover-township.org if you are still unfamiliar with "Basecamp."

Publication schedule is March, June, September, and December.

2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge
Per Michele Hanneke, the event will NOT be held in person at the Cook County Department of Health in Oak Forest, IL due to COVID-19.

Please save the date – Saturday, October 24, 2020 for, possibly, a video conference-type training in lieu of the Prairie State CERT Challenge.

Training Committee / Training
Rich Frizelis announced a few items discussed by the Training Committee for upcoming dates. Among the classes discussed were -
    * Virtual Type Events using Zoom, WebEx, etc.
    * SAR related classes
    * Traffic classes using Zoom
    * Psychology of First Aid

Jordan Sklansky suggested a Table Top Exercise consisting of Mental Health and First Aid.

Rich also stated that his team could use assistance as the Training Committee can be overwhelmed with the start-up and ongoing commitments for this Committee. If interested in helping or joining the Training Committee, contact Rich Frizelis richf.chicagocert@gmail.com

CERT Association of Illinois By-Laws

Per Dan Martin, the By-laws have been sent out but refinements are ongoing with feedback from the membership.

After the By-Laws are adopted and in place a new permanent Board of Directors will be elected.

July 16th is the current date for the Interim Board to meet.

Interim Board of Directors
Balla, Tonya - Mundelein Fire Department
Clifford, Kurt - Hanover Township Emergency Services
Gaonkar, Gaurav - Village of Oak Park
James, Randy - South Lake County Regional CERT
Martin, Daniel - Village of New Lenox
Moos, Mike - Sherman Emergency Management Agency
Small, Marc - Long Grove Fire Protection District
Tubbs, Latesha - City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications
Wilson, Rich – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency

CERT Train-the-Trainer

Per Michele Hanneken, the April class has been cancelled but any current classes can still be found on the IEMA website.

A question was raised by Chuck Geraci.
Q. Can CERT trainings be deemed essential under the COVID-19 determinations?

A. IEMA will need to be contacted on that but "bandwidth" is the current issue for the low number of classes.

Q. Is there any thought on refresher courses for TtT classes?

A. Any ideas on TtT and other trainings is worth discussing especially as the National CERT works with the CERT of Illinois trainings.

NEW BUSINESS

University of Utah, School of Medicine, Division of Occupational & Environmental Health's, Online 2020 CERT Training https://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/aboutus/outreach/cert.php

Per Dan Martin, he is considering using this training for his team and Community in various forms as this is a good basis for the new CERT curriculum.

CERT Professional Development Series
Per Michele Hanneken, more insight is needed into this for the membership.

It's a partnership between the National CERT Association, FEMA National and FEMA Region IX, with support from CERT leaders / trainers across the country and the curriculum includes the following:

CERT Train-the-Trainer – series of webinars that cover the training modules in the CERT Train-the-Trainer Course.

CERT Program Manager – series of webinars that cover the training modules in the CERT Program Manager Course.

CERT Basic – series of short training videos demonstrating key skills that are taught during the CERT Course.

GOOD OF THE ORDER /Best Practices
A number of meetings, trainings, and volunteer work were presented to the attendees.

- Using Zoom for general meetings or trainings.
- Trainings using topic specific stations under the COVID-19 constraints.
- Multi-hour volunteer work given to CERT communities.

NEXT CONFERNECE CALL/MEETING
The next Video Conference / Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 / 1:30pm. A link to the Zoom video conference will be sent via email in advance.

ADJOURNMENT
The conference call ended at 2:33 PM