

Volcano Community Emergency Response Team

January 6, 2018 minutes

Team Leader Nancy Lakin convened the first regular meeting of the year shortly after 9 a.m. at the Volcano Village Church. We met at the church because a major Hilo-to-Volcano run was headquartered at Cooper Community Center, our regular venue. Also present: Tearoarii Viritua, Napualani Viritua, Sher Glass, Carole Slattery, Doug Wilson, Teresa Evangelista, Samantha Hill, Claudia Ziroli, Patti Pinto, Hank Schultz, Angela Key, Norman Walcott, Leigh Critchlow, Thomas Cullio and Chris Corley.

Nancy congratulated and presented badges, certificates and PPEs to Tea and Pua Viritua, to a round of applause from the group. Another major achievement announced later by Doug: Hank and Carole both passed their Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Technician License Exam. Carole's call sign is WH6FQV; Hank's is pending.

Discussion at the meeting focused on program planning and training for 2018. Nancy will contact Laurine Carvalho, our Volcano CERT veteran who does double duty as an American Red Cross instructor. Nancy will see if Laurine can offer the Red Cross AED-CPR-first-aid training for folks needing to redo their certification as well as newbies. Nancy will ask Laurine if April 21, April 14 or May 5 are possible dates on which to schedule the training.

Patti, the Big Island volunteer CERT coordinator, announced that countywide training in residential initial damage assessment will start in West Hawaii at the end of January. On our side of the island, the training will be given March 3 at Aupuni Center in Hilo and June 30 at the Keaau Community Center. We'll learn how to judge the level of damage to a home and how to form and deploy damage assessment teams of at least three CERTS. (Patti noted that responders will have a valuable new tool, a "collector app" for smart phones that will tell the user the tax map key (TMK) of wherever he or she is located anywhere in Puna.)

We decided, as a team, to attend the March 3 training at Aupuni Center. The session will last a couple of hours and will get underway at 9 a.m. Bring a brown-bag or bento lunch. Following a break at the end of the training, we'll hold our regular monthly meeting at noon on nearby exterior benches.

In other news:

CERTS whose two-year certifications are winding down may reCERT on the final day of CERT basic training Feb. 10 in Hilo and in October in Keaau. Sign up with Patti in advance.

At the Jan. 15 Volcano Community Association meeting, community presentations will include, among others, Nancy on CERT and how the community can get involved; Doug on the Volcano Emergency Response Plan now in development, and Volcano Volunteer Firefighters Capt. Paul Lakin on being Firewise. The gathering will begin at 6, with refreshments, and the formal meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The final portion of our January CERT meeting was conducted by Doug, as we continued with the ongoing Table Topics disaster response training, specifically how to assess and then document damage. The scenario: in the aftermath of a big earthquake, the Volcano CERT volunteers are assessing, assembling, designating search-and-rescue teams and plans of action, then activating the teams, then documenting what they discover, and what they do, during their deployment. There are specific ICS forms which need to be filled out fully and accurately so government and community agencies can respond accordingly. This time, we focused on CERT form No. 13, the assignment tracking log, and ICS form No. 214, the activity log. In earlier practice, we ranked Cooper Center as the top priority, in accordance with previously established facts discovered during the exercise. Doug passed out new

paperwork giving info and locations on nine victims therein. Our homework is to fill out the forms and to rank the victims according to priority of necessary emergency medical treatment: (red) immediate; (yellow) delayed; (green) minor; or (black) morgue. This will be the focus at our next meeting, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Cooper Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Critchlow, secretary

Addendum:

Patti later sent out copies of all of the pertinent forms to our team members, to fill in the blanks in case not everyone has the complete package. If you didn't get them, please email her at pintonian@gmail.com.

Here are her detailed instructions for our homework assignment:

Aloha CERTs,

For those who did not get copies of all the documents for our table top exercise, I am attaching copies here.

Our homework is:

The Search and Rescue team has returned and given us the report on victims in Cooper Center (Document 2)

1. We are informed that the medical unit has moved and we need to prioritize our victims for evacuation. Review the condition of the 9 victims still in Cooper Center (on Document 2) and prioritize them for evacuation. (Condition, Immediate, Delayed, Minor, Deceased). You can refer to your CERT Manual, Unit 3.
2. Fill out the Form 214 with a report of our entire action. (Document 3)
3. Also, fill out the "X" paper as if the Search and Rescue Team has completed the search of Cooper Center and has left. (Document 3)

Document 1 is the entire Table Top Exercise with all forms and images. Sorry, some of the forms have my work already in place. Some of it's okay some might be incorrect (sigh).

We will see you next month on February 3rd at 9:00 am at Cooper Center. If you have missed too much, just read the material and learn as much as you can and we will see you in February.

A hui hou,

Patti