

Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Meeting Notes - Sudbury Medical Reserve Corps

MRC Executive Committee Members ('+' = *present*; '-' = *absent*)

+ Carol Bradford	- Jon Harding
- Pascal Cleve	- Bob Leupold
+ Marilyn Ellsworth	+ Ipp Matjucha
- Dale Farmer	+ John Stevens

13 April EC meeting minutes were accepted. John will forward them to Victoria who will then post them on the Sudbury MRC website.

'OLD' Business

CPR/AED Training Event (22 March & 06 May)

Marilyn reported that 5 people attended the second CPR/AED training session on 06 May, and that Lily Gordon, the CPR/AED trainer, was pleased with how both training events went. Marilyn reported that Lily is willing to repeat these classes once or twice a year as training offerings from the Sudbury MRC.

First Aid Training Event (29 April)

Marilyn reported that Lily Gordon's 29 April First Aid training class was cancelled due to insufficient number of 'sign-ups'.

Social/Informational Meeting (04 May)

John reported that the Sudbury MRC Social/Informational Meeting was cancelled due to insufficient 'sign-ups'.

Expanded Roles/Events for Sudbury MRC Volunteers

More discussion ensued regarding possible 'helping-roles' that Sudbury MRC volunteers could play in the event of a community crisis or disruptive incident, as well as ways for MRC volunteers to support and strengthen 'community resilience' within the town of Sudbury while providing meaningful and ongoing 'service' activity for MRC member-volunteers. Among the initial ideas presented were:

- Increase liaison and partnership with other volunteer service and support groups in town, e.g., CERT, Scouts, etc. in ways that promote mutual assistance, optimized and shared resources, and general community well-being.
- Develop and present 'free' public health and community education and information programs, perhaps 2x per year, that dispel myths and promote 'facts' for such topics as Lyme disease, generator-use in a power-outage, preparing safe drinking water in a 'contaminated water' event, etc. Local and Regional news events, such as such as those occurring this past month, e.g., major water main break, carbon monoxide poisoning from improper generator use, etc., could provide the topic areas to develop and present public health and community edu/info programs from the Sudbury MRC.

Further thought and discussion is planned for the next Sudbury MRC-EC meeting.

'NEW' Business

Invite from Wayland to Attend Terrorism Presentation

John reported that Sudbury CERT and Sudbury MRC volunteers are invited by Joe Gordon (Wayland Public Safety Officer) to attend a presentation by the MA State Police on "Terrorism" at the Wayland Public Safety Building beginning at 6:30 pm on June 3rd. John was asked to follow-up with Joe to get more information about the topic specifics before announcing this invitation to Sudbury CERT/MRC volunteers.

MRC-EC Resignations

Pascal Cleve and Jon Harding, founding members of the Sudbury MRC-EC, have opted not to renew their appointment to the MRC Executive Committee.

Recruitment of New MRC-EC Members

Three names were presented as potential new members for the Sudbury MRC-EC. Current EC members Carol Bradford, Ipp Matjucha, and John Stevens each agreed to approach a selected individual to extend an invitation for membership to the MRC Executive Committee.

Updating the Sudbury MRC On-Line Membership Application

After some discussion, it was agreed that the current on-line membership application might be updated and improved. John agreed to provide a first draft of possible changes by the September MRC-EC meeting.

Personalizing Emails When Sending MRC Email 'Blast'

In an effort to increase volunteer response to email communications, it was suggested that the MRC-EC consider ways to address the membership with email 'blasts' that incorporate the MRC volunteer's personal name in the address line. Carol remarked that the Sudbury Public School email system has that capability. It was agreed that more discussion of this idea was warranted as part of a larger Sudbury MRC volunteer contact strategy and plan.

Next meeting date... Tuesday, 08 June

Prepared and submitted by:
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