



Arizona State Citizen Corps Council

May 19, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Meeting Minutes

Governor Douglas A. Ducey



Director Tim Roemer

REGULAR BUSINESS

- CALL TO ORDER**
10:03 AM – Call to order
- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Antonio Hernandez, Chair	Kara Egbert
Grant Smith	Shane Levinson
CJ Anderson	Ruth Penn
Tony Badilla	Emily Litchfield
Steve Rutherford	David Harden
Cheryl Kennedy on behalf of AZDOHS Director	
GUESTS PRESENT:	GUESTS PRESENT:
Merydth Walter	
Terry Nelson	
Walter Barbee	
Tammi Jo Wilkins	
AZDOHS STAFF PRESENT:	
Cheryl Kennedy	

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Action: Council approval of minutes as submitted for November 18, 2021. CJ Andersson moved to approve the meeting minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Steve Rutherford. The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Program Spotlight

Daisy Mountain CERT –Merydth Walters provided an overview of the Daisy Mountain CERT program sharing information about the activities the volunteers have been involved in. Below is a summary of the activities.

- Daisy Mountain CERT program has approximately 30 members.
- Charitable organizations – Daisy Mountain CERT partners with the Daisy Mountain Firefighter charities. CERT members participated in a food drive to support local food banks. They also participated in a toy drive for donations to local hospitals. The last food drive resulted in thousands of toys collected.
- Daisy Mountain CERT has access to Sparky, the dog. This mascot is utilized at various functions and has helped draw attention when promoting activities.
- Red Cross presented pet training to members. This training covered how to approach dogs and those that may have been injured. Red Cross also presented evacuation and shelter

management training.

- Sky Harbor TSA Canine Unit – CERT members were able to volunteer at Sky Harbor assisting with the canine units and the detection programs implemented at the airport.
- CERT volunteers also attend a lot of events to provide first and hand out preparedness information to attendees.
- Once a year, the Daisy Mountain Fire Department (sponsoring agency) holds an appreciation picnic for the volunteers. They recognize and thank the volunteers for their service. In addition, a CERT Volunteer of the Year award is presented.
- Two basic CERT courses were delivered recently and another is planned for September.
- Daisy Mountain CERT and Coconino County Sheriff's Office CERT are partnering this Saturday to conduct a joint Search and Rescue training.

2. Arizona Department of Emergency Management and Military Affairs

Due to a priority assignment, Sheldon Ross was unable to attend.

3. AZSCCC Strategic Plan (2021 - 2026)

An overview of the results of the AZSCCC survey conducted last November was presented. Attendees were asked to vote on the suggested activity items in the summary to assist with future planning activities and updates to the Strategic Plan.

Proposed updates to the draft 2022 – 2027 AZSCCC Strategic Plan were presented. It was suggested that the plan be reviewed annually for updates. Tony Badilla moved to adopt the updated plan as presented. CJ Anderson seconded the motion.

4. CERT Resource Typing

A copy of the comparison of the Arizona CERT Resource Typing Guide and FEMA's CERT Resource typing was discussed. A workgroup will be assembled to review AZ's Resource Typing Guide to include the other partner program information. CJ Anderson and Antonio Hernandez volunteered to participate.

5. Roundtable Discussions

Tony Badilla (Yuma) – Tony reported that they are getting CERT back online after COVID. The CERT program is preparing for the removal of Title 42 and the anticipated substantial increase in migrants crossing the border. They will be working with NGO's to assist in this effort.

Grant Smith (North Gila County CERT) – They recently completed the annual FEMA certification requirement. NGCC provided the food at the annual fishing festival as a public service and CERT program promotion. Recently, two Firewise meetings were held to prepare for fire season. NGCC also attend a community preparedness conference that focused on collaboration.

In addition, NGCC is working with public health on a community health needs assessment. A new agreement with the Gila County Sheriff's Office and Payson Police Department was **completing allowing the use of radio frequencies for better interoperability. There is a CPR and AED training coming up next month.**

Antonio Hernandez (Department of Health Services) – DHS is looking at COVID recovery activities regarding hospital and healthcare systems. Funeral homes have been stressed for the past couple of years and are now getting back to more normal numbers. The COVID response resulted in engaged emergency management partnership. Travel nurses are now beginning to leave the state. Planning is underway for the anticipated surges of the COVID variants as well as

addressing potential supply chain support for rural communities. With the temperatures rising and heat relief season occurring, there is a need for support for cooling stations.

Also, a new national 988 emergency call number for mental or behavior health will be rolling out. There are some documents that indicate what that might look like. The intent is to have professional health providers respond rather than law enforcement.

There has also been an increase in home health services since COVID. Demand for home health services has increased by approximately 20% - much larger than pre-COVID.

Antonio has transferred to the position of Community Integration Officer. In this area, the focus is to identify and strengthen outreach and services to underserved communities.

CJ Anderson (Animals and Humans in Disaster) – Anyone wishing to work with Animals and Humans in Disaster is encouraged to contact CJ. They will be working in the rural communities and focusing on disabled or underserved Hispanic communities. In addition, it will be an opportunity to recruit additional volunteers. Events are being planned and dates will be established next week.

6. AZDOHS UPDATES/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2022 National CERT Conference – A 2022 National CERT Conference is planned for August 18 - 20, 2022 in Galveston, TX.
 - National Awards will be presented. Applications for the awards are due June 30, 2022.
- Community Resilience is a 2022 FEMA National Priority under the Homeland Security Grant Program. CERT activities fall under this category.

7. Call To The Public

None.

8. Call To Adjourn

Action: Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM. Motion made by Cheryl Kennedy and seconded by Tony Badilla.