



FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF BROWARD COUNTY CERT Sub-Committee

May 2021 Report

We met on Tuesday April 27 at 1400 via Zoom.

CERT EOC Radio Communications – The project is moving forward steadily at this point with Motorola representative Ben Demby, Jim Calcanes Broward EOC and Chief Caruso completed a walk thru at the Broward EOC on April 30. We also met with EM Tracy Jackson and provided an update on the project. The antenna and coax cable has been shipped to Fort Lauderdale prior to this year's grant closing.

Basic Training Classes – Plantation finished their first BTC. Miramar has started the hybrid BTC with 26 signed up; The in-class portions will be May 19th and 25th and June 3rd and 9th at FR Station 84 from 6:30-10pm.

CERT Team Reports –Coral Springs- assisted at Coral Springs Mall vaccine distribution site; conducted first in-person training with triage at a Coral Springs parking garage which was outdoors; will assist a hurricane prep expo at Home Depot; will be alternating Zoom and in-person meetings going forward. **Deerfield Beach-** participated in Food PODs; some members participated in TSA decoy training. **Sunrise-** original Sunrise CERT and ARES/RACES member, Herb Schulman passed away; member Lance Dickman was one of the award recipients from Volunteer Florida with 400 service hours; concluded vaccination site assistance after 4 months with 18 volunteers. **Pompano-** Members volunteering at the City Center vaccination site.

Florida CERT Association Report – The 2021 conference is scheduled to be held on August 22-29 at the Plantation on Crystal River in Crystal River Florida. The website is FLACERTAssociation.org We have already received quite a bit of interest from teams, speakers, sponsors and vendors.

2021 National CERT Conference – The 2021 conference will be held on July 12-17 at Springfield MS.

Chief Frank Borden LAFD, known as the 'father of CERT' passed away; he was responsible for the pilot program in Los Angeles, California that became CERT. Chief Caruso reminded us that Harry Small Pompano Beach Fire Rescue was his counterpart here in South Florida.

Our next meeting will be May 25 at 1400 via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Caruso
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