



FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION OF BROWARD COUNTY CERT Sub-Committee

August 2021 Report

We met on Tuesday July 27 at 1400 at Plantation Fire Administration HQ. Those who were unable to attend in person utilized Go To Meeting. Social Distancing and mask use was utilized.

CERT EOC Radio Communications – awaiting an update from Motorola.

Basic Training Classes – Plantation will have another class as soon as 10 applications are received; attendees from other cities are welcome.

CERT Team Reports- BEMD-Attended Community Fair for Central Broward neighborhoods (BMSD) to promote COVID-19 vaccinations and hurricane season preparedness. Pines Night Out event scheduled for October 29, 2021 at their city center; Weston Safety Fest scheduled for January 2022. Volunteer demand/need decreased at the vaccination sites throughout Broward County as volunteers now more decentralized at community centers, schools, faith based organizations, CBO's and other locations as needed/requested. Updated and reordered outreach hardcopy materials for events; also have outreach materials in digital form on our website www.broward.org/hurricane. Delivered goodie bags (50) with content to Carol Sjursen for the CERT conference in August 2021. Broward EOC remains at a Level 2 activation until further notice. Will notify you as soon as in person meetings are authorized again at the EOC. Pledge to have DD coffee and doughnuts for all as a welcome back when able.

Coral Springs-Coral Springs Parkland CERT remains active. We provided canteen services at two structure fires since the last subcommittee meeting. We also provided community education about CERT and assisted with first aid and Cool Zone field safety at the Coral Springs July 4th Celebration at Mullins Park. We will provide community education about CERT at the Get to know your SRO at Parkland Night Out on August 2. We are planning to restart our basic training program this fall.

Weston- Most of the restrictions put into place when COVID19 became a pandemic have been lifted, and we as a CERT team can again participate in City events. We recently provided first aid support at the 4th of July Weston run and look forward to supporting the events coming up in the next few months. We continue to have our monthly meetings by Zoom, and all are welcome. Each meeting agenda is on a different topic, and we often have quizzes and tabletop exercises that facilitate discussions and get a lot of good feedback. We are hoping to have a new training class after the start of the next year. Thank you so much for being so patient during these unprecedented times. We, as a team, are Weston Strong and look forward to serving together again.

Cooper City-Holding in-person monthly meetings; assisted in hurricane prep seminar for City's seniors; did safety and first-aid for Relay for Life; some volunteered for TSA decoy training; hosted meeting for Los Topos; 3 volunteered for FTFC/Gathering of Eagles; 5 members plus Chief Bishop will be attending state conference; upcoming events include bike rodeo and autism event in September.

Deerfield Beach-Officially off of furlough; did first-aid for July 4th fireworks; coordinated webinar and in person demo of Los Topos.

Plantation-Chief Gordon briefed the Team regarding issues at the Surfside Building Collapse; one member (Eugene) volunteered at the FTFC conference; participated with CERT vehicle in the July 4th on the 3rd parade, fire department luncheon and first-aid and recruiting at the fireworks; will be a presence going forward at City events; working on by-laws and SOG; all members took a modified EVOC course to drive the CERT truck; did traffic management class; will do RIA class next month and POD training to follow; using Everbridge for callouts; have developed a Facebook page and will soon be on the FD's new website;

Miramar-Updating email list of members; ICS forms class will be rescheduled to August 4th; 2 CERT members worked the Surfside Building Collapse with a different agency; will be holding next BTC in Spanish; doing biweekly meetings to improve delivery of services.

Pembroke Pines-Still conducting Zoom meetings as the Team still furloughed with an average of 20 participants at each meeting.

Ft. Lauderdale-Demobilized the vaccinations sites at the soccer stadium and Schneider Park with the testing site at Mills Pond Park still open with CERT volunteering; responded to the tanker rollover/9000gallon fuel spill on I-95; did presentation at the end of May at MODS; 13-15 members assisted at Pridefest Parade; did hurricane symposium with Rob Molleda (National Weather Service) and Eric Salvat (FIU).

Hollywood-Had first in-person meeting last month; provided hydration station at Officer Cook's funeral.

Sunrise-Reinstated in-person meetings and finally issued the new First-Aid/Stop the Bleed kits obtained through the Volunteer Florida grant; did CPR/AED training for leisure staff; 2 participated in newly reinstated ride alongs; 5 interested in attending state conference; will participate in National Night Out event on October 5th; planning December 5th CERT-member appreciation event; Division Chief Chris Cox worked the Surfside Building Collapse as part of the Region VII Incident Management Team.

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

Our next meeting will be September 28. We will not be meeting in August due to the Florida CERT Association State Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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