



## **Cuyahoga CERT Association**

### **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Association Meeting**

**Thursday November 1, 2018 (6:00pm-8:00pm)**

**Independence Civic Center**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mark Christie from CCOEM welcomed attendees from various CERT organizations and introduced Nick Phillips and Tom Hartman (co-chair members of the previous CERT Assn.)

There were 13 CERT Teams represented.

Attendees introduced themselves from various CERT's.

#### **2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

➤ **Review of CERT Association History and Discussion on Future Focus**

Nick Phillips and Tom Hartman presented overviews of how CERT's were established and formed in Cuyahoga County.

➤ **Review of Survey Results**

Serena Steele from CCOEM briefed the attendees on the survey that was sent out on September 5<sup>th</sup> to Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Emergency Coordinators and CERT Team Leads.

#### **3. COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES**

➤ **Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management**

Mark Christie from CCOEM discussed how CERT's are vital to communities and the county in the event of an emergency or disaster. Mr. Christie stressed the importance of reconvening the association and its value that emergency volunteers play in our emergency management program.

Collaboration with training and exercises were also discussed along with how to move forward with this Association/forum.



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➤ **Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**

Serena Steele from CCOEM briefed the CERT's with a presentation on the meaning, objectives and benefits of the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) program and how CERT's can be a part of COAD's volunteer initiatives etc. (COAD presentation attached)

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

CERT Website Discussion  
CERT Trainings Discussed

**5. NEXT MEETING DETERMINATION – March 2019**

**6. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

