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Manatee County Government Administrative Center
Commission Chambers, First Floor
9:00 a.m. - August 24, 2017

REVISED August 24, 2017 - Work Session

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA and NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WORK SESSION CALLED TO ORDER (Betsy Benac, Chairman)

REPORTS

9:00 A.M.

1. [2017/18 Health Care Programs](#)

Attachment: [Healthcare Presentation - 8-24-17.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Health Care Programs - Handouts.pdf](#)

2. [2017/18 Children's Services Tax funded recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Children's Services Tax - Handouts.pdf](#)

3. [2017/18 Not for Profit Services Funding](#)

Attachment: [Not for Profit Services - Handouts.pdf](#)

4. [CERT \(Community Emergency Response Team\) Program](#) * Nichols

Attachment: [Memorandum - CERT - Request for Legal Services.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CERT Program Presentation.pdf](#)

1:30 P.M.

5. [Transit Extraboarding](#)

Attachment: [Extraboard Presentation 08-24 rev3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Extraboard Requirement Analysis & Compensation-
Working Conditions Analysis.pdf](#)

6. [Budget and CIP Updates/Revisions](#)

Attachment: [000 - Commissioner Requests Packet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [REO Budget Follow up Items - CRA.SWTIF Updated
Plan, Reserves, Uses.pdf](#)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

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Agenda Item #4**

Subject

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Sherilyn Burris
Chief of Emergency Management
941-749-3507
Sherilyn.Burris@mymanatee.org

Action Requested

None

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

Commissioners requested a presentation on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program during the May 23, 2017, Board of County Commission Meeting. During the meeting, the Board requested additional information on CERT to be presented after their summer break.

County Attorney Review

Formal Written Review (Opinion memo must be attached)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

Nichols

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

0010007001

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

\$10,000

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Attachment: [CERT Program Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Follow-up Memo - CERT Program.pdf](#)

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Workshop

August 24, 2017



CERT: Overview

- *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a “neighbors helping neighbors” training class available in 28 states and Puerto Rico*
- *Most people can effectively respond to an emergency without any training; CERT teaches individuals how to safely respond to common household emergencies, including:*
 - *Disaster Preparedness, Fire Fighting, Utility Shut-offs, First Aid, Search & Rescue, Disaster Psychology, and Terrorism*

CERT: Program Requirements

An effective CERT program requires:

- *A mechanism to deploy or utilize neighborhood CERT groups;*
- *Oversight and coordination of individual and neighborhood teams;*
- *An evaluation mechanism or credentialing process to ensure individuals can safely perform the CERT Program's required physical activities*

CERT Sponsorship

- *All local CERT programs must be recognized by or acknowledged by a local government agency in their area.*
- *That agency is usually a fire department or police department.*
- *The sponsoring agency appoints a dedicated Program Manager*

CERT Program Manager Participant Manual, 2011, p. 6-17



CERT: Manatee County

- *With federal grant funding support, Manatee County held CERT training classes from the 2000's until the most recent class in 2014*
- *Over more than ten years, 800 individuals from Manatee and Sarasota Counties attended the course*

CERT Sponsorship definition


- *“There isn’t any documentation specifically for local governments. Generally, they work within their own SOP’s and scopes of work for their fire/police/OEM departments to decide how to manage and support CERT programs within their jurisdiction.”*
- *“FEMA doesn’t typically provide specific formal guidance like that. Essentially, we don’t want to be the federal government dictating how local governments conduct themselves.”*

*Candace L. Burrell, Community Preparedness Officer,
Individual and Community Preparedness, National Preparedness Division
Department of Homeland Security-FEMA Region IV*

Manatee County

- *Emergency Management Division supports all neighborhoods and organizations with hurricane maps, brochures, preparedness handouts, outreach materials, and training presentations*
- *A neighborhood does not require a CERT team to receive hurricane preparedness or disaster response training for their residents*

Option 1: No Cost

- *Assist neighborhood teams with finding sponsorship opportunities with their local city, town, fire department, or law enforcement organization – consistent with the CERT recommended guidelines*
 - *Local sponsorship strengthens meaningful personal relationships between neighbors and the first responders who would be the first to arrive on scene after an emergency*
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Option 2: \$10,000+

- *Resume hosting one training class per year*
- *Estimated cost includes the cost of backpacks*
- *Estimated cost does not include the additional cost of background checks, staff time, facilities, and student identification*

Option 3: \$100,000+

- *Developing a full CERT program with a FEMA required Program Manager, and the standard plans & procedures required to incorporate neighborhood teams into the County emergency response system*
 - *Additional costs for each individual volunteer to cover background checks, uniforms, supplies, training, and testing*
 - *This option provides the strongest level of involvement and could produce the highest level of county resiliency*
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