

WRAP – WHITE RIVER AREA PREPAREDNESS
MINUTES 9-15-2022

7:07pm meeting convened followed by invocation and pledge

1. Two from Rio Blanco County Sheriff office in attendance: Deputy Joseph McGuire and Sgt Garrett Duncan.
2. Incident Command System (ICS) course for anyone to become familiar with the system has links on the WRAP website as well as at ready.gov
3. CERT is Community Emergency Response Team and fits within the ICS command structure, when ICS has been established.
4. Lisa Jones – ICS representative at Colorado Northwestern Community College – CNCC. Matt Scoggins ICS rep for Rangely School District superintendent. WRAP would like to have school district and CNCC reps at WRAP meeting in near future. Teen CERT and Campus CERT perhaps?
5. Upcoming WRAP trainings: CCW, Concealed Carry Weapons training
6. Mark Stamos, WRAP Communications director talked about various types of licensing requirements for different devices. For instance HAM radio requires a test/license whereas use of General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) devices does not. Mark plans to test coverage with various radios at differing frequencies, such as 400 megahertz (mhz) and 140 mhz and with different power levels, 4-5 watts – 50watts
7. Cathedral Mountain up Piceance Creek has had a repeater there in the past which may be available to use. Wayne Jorgenson mentioned that the Gas Company will have a repeater on Calamity Rd that WRAP can use after it's installed.

8. Wayne Jorgenson gave a short presentation about CERT including the history of how it “came to be” in 1985 from the Los Angeles CA area Fire Department. The system came into use during the 1987 Whittier Narrows Earthquake in California. In 1993 the CERT program was established nationally as a part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
9. MYN, Map Your Neighborhood is separate from CERT, but can be helpful as a “low tech” communication system – person to person – in a “grid down” scenario. MYN is a subset of CERT. Then CERT falls within the ICS system; when CERT is functioning properly, it supports ICS needs: Identify problem, determine needed resources, establish where skills of participants fit in. MYN was developed by the Washington State Dept of Emergency Services
10. WRAP has applied to the state controller to be officially recognized as a CERT group.
11. ICS courses 1,2,7 & 8 can be accessed on the WRAP website or at ready.gov.
12. To start MYP, identify households in your area and invite neighbors to a neighborhood meeting. Eventually establish “block captain”, who relays info to an “area captain,” who is stationed along major road. The area captain then conveys info to the next area, and so on all the way up the Incident Command structure.
13. Training and practice are necessary, which helps to overcome natural isolation and distrust among individuals and groups. Follow FEMA guidance on liability. It is imperative to follow instructions of the incident commander, unless unconstitutional orders are given.
14. Directors’ meeting will be Thu 9-22-2022

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm

