

NET Meeting Notes, 7-11-16 Carisa Bohus

Special Notes: Jeremy has a 10:30am phone call scheduled for tomorrow morning, 7-12-16.

Buckman NET Radio Check-in will be at 5:45pm prior to our regular meeting. See info below.

Potential for new meeting location. Next Buckman NET meeting is 8-8-16.

NET Training

There were 7 people at the meeting tonight, and we had some good discussion on training. There are all kinds of trainings being offered by the different NETs. We heard about a Low Visibility Training, psychological counseling training, wilderness trainings. Laurelhurst does "exercises" every month. We talked about low budget scenarios being very useful. A member recently went through the NET training, and many related their experiences. You can be a Victim Volunteer, and how useful that is to observe how people panic, can be drawn away from real emergencies by "whiny" victims and better improve your own triage behavior.

Action: Go to NET trainings of adjacent NETs in order to better plan and put on our own. Chris checking into Hosford and Sunnyside, and Margaret checking into Laurelhurst.

More NET Training Notes

Finding trainings to attend was a good topic. Most people know when the trainings are from emails from Jeremy, although that may be changing. Advice was check the NET web site, watch for emails. Be sure your contact info is up to date.

Some training is done at Scenario Village, a 3/4 size city block located in a large warehouse. They can control the lighting and simulate darkness. Get a good headlamp for your kit!

One can choose two NET locations. Generally the first is your home, the second could be work, children's schools. What are people choosing and why.

LOG Your Volunteer Hours- Attending meetings, trainings, and outreach events count as volunteer time. NET members must log 16 hours per year. If you are not getting the emails for events, log in and check your contact info.

BUCKMAN Radio Exercise (monthly before the meeting)

William will head up a regular 5:45pm radio check in. Ch 2. Make it a regular thing. If you have a radio, check in with William before each meeting.

Buckman Web Site

We are looking for someone comfortable with WordPress. Two people at the meeting offered to do simple things, but are hesitant to invest time learning the ins and outs of WordPress. Things we would like to put up are the current Operating Plan, meeting times, meeting minutes, announcements, contact info, maps. Chris said he tried to put a .pdx file up and was surprised by the number of options to be navigated. There was discussion regarding public and private information. Other web tools mentioned, facebook, nextdoor, for the potential for private/working/in-progress discussion.

Other details

We talked briefly about some of the certifications. GMRS is a radio operator's license. It is not a HAM license. The GMRS is a fee and application process that allows use of specific power and frequency signals. The NET certification process also included some knots useful for rescue. It is a NET training segment that has a very practical aspect. There are some supporting videos on the web site for useful knots, how to do them, when to use them.

There was a short discussion on rotating food, water, batteries and other supplies. Watching expiration dates. Monitor your emergency supplies and gear. Put a headlamp in your NET kit.

I think that was it. Have a nice night, Carisa