



Arizona State Citizen Corps Council
June 18, 2015

Arizona Department of Homeland Security
1700 W. Washington, Suite 210, Phoenix, AZ 85007



Governor Douglas A. Ducey

Meeting Minutes

Director Gilbert M. Orrantia

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
10:06 AM – Call to order

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Cheryl Bowen Kennedy on behalf of Gilbert Orrantia	Cynthia Anderson
Antonio Hernandez	Cynthia Dowdall
David Harden	Karen Hauca
Paul Schickel (Telephonically)	T.D. Kennard
Steve Rutherford (Telephonically)	Vickie Owen
John Swenson (Telephonically)	
Robert Buscher (Telephonically)	
Robert Shogren (Telephonically)	
GUESTS PRESENT:	
Cyndi Carina	
AZDOHS PRESENT:	
Lindsey Forry	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Steve Rutherford. Motion seconded by Paul Schickel. The minutes were approved as submitted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. STRATEGIC PLAN REPORTS

Goal 1: **Serve** as a State Voice for the Network of Citizen Corps Programs and Local Councils Liaison Reports (North, South, East, West, Central)

- a. State Citizen Corps Council member recruitment

East (Steve Rutherford): The Graham County Council continues to conduct volunteer trainings. The Greenlee County Council has met with the County Board of Supervisors and has a training continuation line-item in the fiscal year 2015 county budget. North Gila CERT has been active over the past few months, and has participated in a number of local events, including:

- Mogollon Monster Mudder
- NGCC Annual Meeting
- Weather Spotter Training: Payson-area host
- PA-DOG Memorial Day event, Payson:
 - Provided communications and staff support
- Disc Golf, Old Dominion Park, Globe:
 - Provided communications and staff support *Grand Opening of Community* event.
- PRMC Emergency Drill Review
- Multi-Agency Emergency Drill Review: County Yard-Star Valley EM
- Decon. Drill, in concert with Multi-Agency Emergency Exercise
- February and April LEPC meetings
- NGCC Board Meeting
- WebEOC Training with ADEM
- Non-profit Summit, Mazatzal Casino
- Academic Decathlon:
 - Provided dinner for staff and participants; staffing for examiners and judges.

- Goal 2: **Promote Citizen Program Participation and Volunteer Activities which strengthen community resiliency**
- a. *America's PrepareAthon*
 - b. *Collaboration with other volunteer groups/programs*

America's PrepareAthon (Antonio Hernandez, Cheryl Kennedy): Maricopa County recently conducted its PrepareAthon drill, which involved calling phone numbers within a ten-mile radius of the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant. Approximately 3,000 calls were placed, with a 30% ratio of calls back to the County. Several large businesses were called, as this event occurred after business hours. Letters were sent to participants in advance to inform them that they would be receiving a call as a part of America's PrepareAthon. After the event, it was found that 62% of contacts reached were residents. This activity provided useful insight and connected the community with local agencies able to assist them in times of emergency.

Arizona Coalition ACT Health Fair (Antonio Hernandez): The Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow will host its annual Kid's Health Fair on September 29, 2015. AZSCCC members and Citizen Corps volunteers are encouraged to volunteer at this event and provide additional, valuable resources to provide direct health services to children at this event. The health fair will be hosted by The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community center in Phoenix.

Quarterly Program Calendar (Cheryl Kennedy): A bulletin was recently sent out to requesting submissions to a quarterly program calendar to be posted on the AZDOHS website. Active participation and contribution is encouraged to make this a useful tool. AZSCCC looks forward to providing event information to further encourage greater statewide outreach among Arizona Citizen Corps chapters.

FEMA IX Citizen Corps/CERT Workshop (Cheryl Kennedy): FEMA Region IX held a Citizen Corps/CERT workshop in San Francisco on June 16-17. During the event, the federal CERT point of contact mentioned that a strategy update for the CERT program is currently under review. CERT training materials shall also be updated, starting in 2016. It was also announced that Citizen Corps and CERT Snapshot Reports have been developed. As a point of information, if no program updates were submitted to the federal database in 2014, programs did not have a report included in the snapshot. Information covered in the document includes public- and private-side data. The document will be forwarded to all registered contacts.

FEMA IX Workshop, NextDoor.com (Cheryl Kennedy): FEMA Region IX introduced useful programs local and public agencies can employ to increase community contact and heighten whole community preparedness. NextDoor.com is a social media tool that enables public agencies to share public safety, neighborhood-specific information and updates to individuals who opt into the program. Text messages can be sent out to inform the community of local emergencies (e.g., water main breaks), as well as general preparedness information. Currently, 23 Arizona-based agencies in Arizona utilize NextDoor.com.

FEMA IX Workshop, Neighborhood Empowerment Network (Cheryl Kennedy): The Neighborhood Empowerment Network was also introduced during the FEMA IX Workshop. It provides a contemporary approach for disaster management to support whole community involvement and emergency planning. The program works well in single-family housing areas and is a useful strategy to bring together communities to discuss neighborhood preparedness plans. The objective of the Neighborhood Empowerment Network is to educate the public on government resources and clarify what the government can and cannot do to provide assistance during emergencies. More information on this program can be found on EmpowerSF.org.

Heat Relief Network (Antonio Hernandez): This partnership needs volunteers to assist at hydration centers and analyze their response programs. There are some gaps in the communities that the Heat Relief Network assists, and AZSCCC can provide resources and manpower to bolster the program's mission. For more information, please visit the City of Phoenix website.

Department of Education Active Shooter Training (Antonio Hernandez): The Arizona Department of Education hosted active shooter trainings for education professionals on June 9-10. Law enforcement and public safety professionals were available to review plans schools had in place for active shooter emergencies, and provided feedback to those in attendance in order to further improve school emergency plans.

Partners in Preparedness Workshop (Antonio Hernandez): DEMA and the Access and Functional Needs Task Force brought together multiple agencies and organizations to empower children and families in emergency planning. The workshop provided a real-world picture of sheltering situations and what additional outreach can be made to service organizations, social workers, and families during emergency events. AZSCCC encourages its members to get involved with this initiative.

AZSCCC Member Applications (Cheryl Kennedy): The MRC member application is currently pending approval from the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

Goal 3: **Support** the growth and sustainability of the Statewide network of Citizen Corps Programs

Pilot Training, EMI (Cheryl Kennedy): AZSCCC's national partner – Individual and Community Preparedness Division - wants to develop a training for new Citizen Corps programs. The pilot training session is expected to occur in late August in Emmetsburg, Maryland. AZSCCC has nominated Paul Schickel to attend as a subject matter expert. Harlan Cleveland and Doug Watchman from the Navajo Nation Citizen Corps Program were recommended to attend the pilot training.

Master Exercise Practitioner Program (Antonio Hernandez): The registration deadline for the 2016 program closes on July 1, 2015.

Goal 4: **Strengthen** our internal capacity to support local citizen corps councils

a. *Partner Program Advocate Reports (CERT, VIPS, FC, MRC, USAonWatch)*

CERT (John Swenson, Cheryl Kennedy): North Gila County CERT has installed a mobile repeater with statewide capability. This will help to improve communication capabilities that are crucial to have in place in preparation for emergency events.

In the Central region, CERT hosted a Train the Trainer workshop in Chandler. Over 25 students participated in the event; the class was productive and trainers are excited to share the CERT program within their communities. Another Train the Trainer workshop will be held in Santa Cruz in July. More information on this training opportunity can be found on DEMA's website.

VIPS (Robert Buscher): Overall, there are 52 VIPS programs statewide. Cochise County's VIPS program is fairly active; in particular, the Sierra Vista VIPS program provides support to the local police department with volunteer patrol officers. Assistance they frequently provide includes traffic control, support in the sexual offenses unit, and administrative support.

Goal 5: **Prepare** internal resources and capabilities to support Council Roles and Responsibilities in the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan

a. *Resource Typing Matrix and Supplemental Document*

Resource Typing Matrix (Cheryl Kennedy): A small working group met to review data related to the Resource Typing Matrix (RTM) and the survey recently distributed to Arizona Citizen Corps members. The results of the survey varied, and require deeper analysis. A report on the survey findings is anticipated to be ready for the October AZSCCC meeting. This survey asked for feedback on the usefulness of the RTM and SERRP to AZSCCC partners. AZSCCC will have a recommendation regarding the RTM and SERRP at a future meeting. In addition, Dr. David Harden presented the draft AZSCCC 2013 Strategic Plan Matrix as a tool for documenting AZSCCC 2013 Strategic Plan progress.

State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan (Cheryl Kennedy, Antonio Hernandez): The SERRP is currently undergoing an update cycle. DEMA has listed a number of meeting dates to discuss SERRP updates. In addition, the Volunteer Support Annex is also available via DEMA for review and feedback.

2. 2015 MEETING DATES

August 20th, October 15th

An in-person gathering is planned for the October 15, 2015 meeting. AZSCCC looks forward to high participation and meeting Arizona Citizen Corps volunteers that attend.

3. AZDOHS UPDATES/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Applications (Cheryl Kennedy): The Arizona Department of Homeland Security is waiting for an notification from its federal partner regarding grant awards. An award announcement could happen as early as July 23, 2015. The federal deadline to distribute grant awards is September 30, 2015.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

5. CALL TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Motion made by John Swenson. Motion seconded by Steve Rutherford.
