



**Arizona State Citizen Corps Council**  
August 20, 2015

Arizona Department of Homeland Security  
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Governor Douglas A. Ducey

## Meeting Minutes

Director Gilbert M. Orrantia

### REGULAR BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
10:03 AM – Call to order
  
2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
Cheryl Bowen Kennedy on behalf of Gilbert Orrantia	Karen Hauca
Antonio Hernandez	T.D. Kennard
Cynthia Anderson	Vickie Owen
Cynthia Dowdall	
David James Harden	
John Swenson	
Robert Buscher (Telephonically)	
Steve Rutherford (Telephonically)	
Paul Schickel (Telephonically)	
Robert Shogren (Telephonically)	
<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b>	
AJ Hunter, DHS	
Ernest Paquette, Tempe & Scottsdale CERT	
Corey Tarango, DHS	
Cyndi Carina, Cochise County (Telephonically)	
John Burnett (Telephonically)	
Caren Prather, Pima County (Telephonically)	
Nancy Collins, Surprise Citizen Corps (Telephonically)	
Desiree Williams, Gila County (Telephonically)	
<b>AZDOHS PRESENT:</b>	
Lindsey Forry	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Add following language to the June 18, 2015 Minutes, under Goal 5:

“Dr. David Harden presented the draft AZSCCC 2013 Strategic Plan Matrix as a tool for documenting AZSCCC 2013 Strategic Plan progress.”

Revise “Pima County CERT” to “North Gila County CERT” in the East Strategic Plan Report under Goal 1.

Motion made by John Swenson to approve minutes as amended. Motion seconded by CJ Anderson. The minutes were approved as amended.

### 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*

**North (Cheryl Kennedy):** VERT and CERT programs within Apache County continue to meet monthly to discuss trainings and community events. They are working to develop activities to increase community involvement and attract new volunteers.

**South (Cheryl Kennedy):** Santa Cruz County CERT is waiting to receive an award letter in order to begin scheduling future CERT trainings. Cochise County is in the process of reviving the County Citizen Corps Council.

**East (Steve Rutherford, Cheryl Kennedy):** Graham County continues to offer free CPR/First Aid courses on a quarterly basis. These courses are funded through a United Way Grant. In addition, Graham County is sponsoring a Community Preparedness Night on September 28, 2015.

On August 7, 2015, the Greenlee County Preparedness fair hosted over 30 vendors, all of which were First Responders. The fair's objective included enhancing preparedness skills and knowledge in the areas of medical preparedness, first responder preparedness, public health preparedness, and business/industry preparedness.

Greenlee County has also recently conducted three CPR and First Aid Classes, resulting in 30 individuals trained in first-aid and CPR.

Gila County is preparing for CERT deployment in Pine in support of the Fire on the Rim mountain bike race on September 12 by utilizing the Payson CERT command and communications trailers.

Northern Gila County CERT has been heavily involved in regional operations and community events, and has been requested by a number of agencies to augment local resources in providing various duties.

Recently, the Gila County Office of Emergency Management donated a 32-foot slide-out trailer to Northern Gila County CERT. This additional resource has been used to provide a mobile command suite complete with a communications center, and will enable extended CERT deployment. Southern Gila County CERT is still under redevelopment.

**Central (CJ Anderson, Antonio Hernandez):** Due to confusion over the roles and responsibilities that members have about Citizen Corps membership, the Central Region Citizen Corps is attempting to develop an official rendering of a definition for a Citizen Corps to help spread awareness about how the Corps functions. Central Region Citizen Corps wants to promote interaction and involvement across jurisdictional lines.

Central Region Citizen Corps is also waiting to receive a \$20,000 grant award from the Arizona Community Foundation.

Phoenix CERT and Phoenix Fire Department will collaborate at the October 25, 2015 Annual Zombie Walk. This event attracts thousands of attendees, and will serve as an opportunity to implement incident command structure. CERT members will provide weapons checks, behavior support, and monitoring of the walk path.

**Quarterly Program Calendar (Lindsey Forry):** The July – September 2015 AZSCCC Event Calendar is live on the AZDOHS website on the Citizen Corps Council Page. Submissions to the Quarterly Calendar include CERT and Citizen Corps trainings within the Phoenix Metro area as well as next month's Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow Kid's Health Fair, which is scheduled for September 20, 2015. As a point of information, calendar entries consist of the event name, time, and address. They also include contact information should any interested parties wish to attend or participate.

A submission form for the Quarterly Calendar may also be found on the AZDOHS website. As this quarter comes to a close, we strongly encourage submissions for the October – December 2015 calendar, especially in light of next month being National Preparedness Month. It is requested that submissions are sent in by September 15, 2015, the anticipated publication date of the next Quarterly Calendar. Submissions can be emailed to Lindsey Forry at [lforry@azdohs.gov](mailto:lforry@azdohs.gov) on a rolling basis.

**AZSCCC Member Vacancies/Member Application Update:** There are still membership vacancies for elected official, for-profit, and local Citizen Corps representation. The application for MRC membership representation is currently being processed by the Arizona Office of Boards and Commissions. Anyone interested in the vacant membership positions should download, complete, and submit an application from the Boards and Commissions website, [bc.azgovernor.gov](http://bc.azgovernor.gov).

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

**America's PrepareAthon (Antonio Hernandez, Cheryl Kennedy):** The Arizona Department of Health Services will be conducting outreach to its staff regarding emergency communication plans. The agency's health alert system will also be promoted. On September 30, 2015, DHS will perform a call-out drill to those registered for the health alert system, and encourages those who are interested in receiving such notifications to sign up for the system.

**National Preparedness Month:** DEMA has submitted proclamation language for approval by the Arizona Governor's Office. It recognizes CERT and Citizen Corps programs and is meant to spread awareness of not only their prevalence, but also of the importance of emergency preparedness. In previous years, counties and cities also issued proclamations in conjunction with the State proclamation. More recently, CERT and Citizen Corps programs have focused on outreach to faith-based organizations and to the general population through social media. A potential National PrepareAthon exercise discussed was to develop a pledge for CERT and Citizen Corps members to share the proclamation with five people that they know with the intention of spreading further awareness of preparedness efforts. No specific release date have been announced for the proclamation, but it is anticipated to be one week prior to September 30, 2015.

FEMA Region IX has released a National Preparedness Month toolkit at [ready.gov](http://ready.gov). This year's theme is "Don't wait. Communicate." The communications resources provide weekly hazard focus themes, which are as follows:

1. Flooding
2. Wildfires
3. Hurricanes
4. Power Outages

The toolkit is primarily designed with digital media in mind, and includes sample messaging for social media outreach. AZDOHS plans to have Lindsey Forry develop messaging to send each week based upon the weekly themes in order to engage Citizen Corps, CERT, and partner program members. The weekly themes may be modified to better fit regional threats, such as storm flooding, monsoon events, and dam flooding.

**The Great ShakeOut:** The Great ShakeOut provides recommended earthquake safety actions and information for various regions, agencies, and populations. Interested parties and organizations can participate in the event at a number of levels. For Arizona-based agencies, and organizations, the ShakeOut provides an opportunity to educate Arizonans on the dangers of earthquakes so that they may be better prepared while travelling or when an earthquake occurs in Arizona. Central Region Citizen Corps will be conducting a webinar regarding earthquake preparedness for businesses and for private purposes. ShakeOut activities are to take place on October 15, 2015.

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

**Pilot Training, EMI (Paul Schickel):** AZSCCC's national partner is developing a training program for new Citizen Corps programs. The pilot training session originally planned for August 2015 has been postponed until Spring 2016. A number of individuals were invited to a pre-launch program in Maryland prior to the official pilot training.

**FEMA/ADA "We Prepare Everyday" PSA:** In line with 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), FEMA has released a number of PSAs under the theme "We Prepare Everyday." These PSAs highlight individuals with disabilities taking active roles in emergency preparation. The PSAs can be found on the FEMA website.

- 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):** Surprise Fire & Medical CERT has been registered. A CERT Train the Trainer course was recently held in Santa Cruz County. No upcoming classes have been scheduled or announced.

**VIPS (Robert Buscher):** VIPS conducts a quarterly state law enforcement event, with the most recent event occurring on July 9, 2015. The meeting was mainly attended by Central and Southern law enforcement

agencies and focused on recruiting, retention, and fundraising. The connection between training and recruiting, as well as training standards was discussed.

**Fire Corps (Cynthia Dowdall):** Northwest Fire District's Fire Corps will promote Child Watcher Tags for pool safety.

**MRC (AJ Hunter):** Since June, Yavapai and Santa Cruz County MRCs conducted CPR trainings. In addition, Santa Cruz County MRC hosted a Pet First Aid and CPR Class in Nogales, AZ. The Roosevelt MRC promoted its MRC unit and recruited volunteers at a local teacher institute, while Arizona Animal Emergency Response participated in Project Connect, which connects the community with valuable resources that are vital to health and human services. Yuma County's MRC participated in the Cocopah Tribe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration by operating a First Aid booth.

**USAonWatch (Cheryl Kennedy):** USAonWatch has recently been rebranded as the National Neighborhood Watch.

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 (Antonio Hernandez, Cheryl Kennedy,):** A small working group recently met to review data from the survey distributed earlier this year regarding AZSCCC and the Resource Typing Matrix. Results of this review will be presented during the October 22, 2015 AZSCCC meeting. Follow-up meetings with DEMA are planned to further review the Citizen Corps Annex to the State Emergency Response and Recovery Plan.

## 2. 2015 MEETING DATES

### October 22, 2015

An in-person gathering is planned for the October 22, 2015 meeting. AZSCCC looks forward to high participation and meeting Arizona Citizen Corps volunteers that attend. The location is to be determined. This is an opportunity for all programs to connect with one another and have program representation.

## 3. AZDOHS UPDATES/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) award notification was received earlier this month. Award letters will be sent to award recipients in September. Regional advisory councils have met throughout the month of August to confirm the grant recommendations made for the upcoming grant cycle.

In addition to administering the HSGP, AZDOHS has been developing its 4<sup>th</sup> annual THIRA/SPR for submission to FEMA. This process involves the identification of statewide threats and hazards, describes what impacts these threats would have on the state, and what resources the state would need to respond. The completed report is due December 31, 2015.

## 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

## 5. CALL TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Motion by David James Harden. Motion seconded by John Swenson.