

Aquinnah CERT Meeting

6.3.21

Present: Emergency Manager Forrest Filler; Gary Robinson; Bill Lake; Beckie Finn; Gabbi Camilleri; Morgan Hodgson; Chief Rhandi Belain; Tribal Ranger Zack Moreis; Carla Cuch; Noli Taylor

Next meeting: Thursday July 1st, 5:30pm on Zoom

Town and Tribe Emergency Plans

- The Tribe finished creating their Point of Dispensing plans for vaccine distribution right before COVID struck; it took about a year to develop but ended up being really important
- Beckie realized we need something similar for both daytime and overnight shelters
- **Beckie and Forrest** offered to spearhead the effort to draft emergency plans for both the Town and Tribe, including volunteer-oriented plans for getting both shelters up and running and operating. Forrest offered to take a first crack at the format for the plans and share with Beckie, Bret, Zack and Chris.
- There are a number of templates we can pull from, including the POD plan, MEMA and Red Cross templates, and Nantucket's plan.
- We will check in on their progress at our August CERT meeting.

Other sheltering updates:

- **Gabbi** is still working to confirm with the BoH if we have a current water quality test for Town Hall.
- Morgan got our Shelter In Place document to the Beach Parking Permits office to distribute—thank you!

Trainings and events:

- **Gary** will be here starting September 16th for two weeks; he can do a CPR training one weekend and First Aid the next weekend. Yay!
- **Gary and Forrest** will talk with Simon about doing a fire safety training—when can he do this? This month, or September?
- Public Safety Day will be July 17th noon-4—**Forrest** will order some pamphlets from FEMA. **Gabbi** will make a CERT sign to hang in the front of the table. We'll touch base more at our July meeting about other materials we'll want to have available, and who is able to staff the table on the 17th.

Surveys and maps:

- 107 residents responded to the digital survey Gabbi sent out, in addition to the 45 who responded from our initial questionnaire.
- **Gabbi** will send the list of people who said they want to be involved with CERT to **Noli** to make a spreadsheet to add to Forrest's Google Drive folder.

- **Noli and Gabbi** will look together at survey results and try and divide up people who want to be checked in on in emergencies by neighborhood; strategize how to divide this list up between our group
- Mapping the AEDs: **Gabbi** will add the AED locations to our digital GIS map. We now have an AED at the town offices; there's one waiting to be installed in Town Hall; the Tribe has AEDs at the Community Center and in each Ranger truck. **Chief Belain** is working to certify those working at the town parking lots to utilize the AEDs and will connect with Alan Ganapol.

Funding:

- Radio grant has been extended and we got \$200 more, so now a total of \$2,700;
- Forrest encouraged those who are interested in to install the Zello app on their phones or computers, which can be tied to radio system; email Forrest if you want to try this out with his help.
- The Tribe gets a Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant each year; this may be for Tribes only, but Bill Fischer, Region 2 MEMA local planning coordinator, is looking into this and other funding opportunities for us. Forrest is the point person with Bill on this and will keep us posted.
- We also received boxes of non-perishable foods and \$100 Stop and Shop gift cards from MEMA to support local people with food insecurity. The food boxes are stored at Town Hall, and Chief Belain has the Stop and Shop cards. Karen from BoH distributed some; we have 5 or 6 left. If any of us know local people in need of food support, we can ask Forrest and Chief for these resources or point them to Forrest and the Chief directly.

Other notes:

- Kudos to Chris and Zack who are now official EMTs!
- We're still thinking about how to install a hand pump somewhere at the town center for water resilience in case of power outages.