

AUGUST 2009 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Nichols, Co-coordinator, at 7:08pm. He welcomed members and guests. The Agenda for the August meeting was approved and distributed.

Present: All board members were present. There were 11 members and 4 guests. They were Captain Decker, our liaison with Dorchester Co. Sheriff, Sergeant Marshall, a Juvenile Officer and Ms. Martha Bateman from Victims Advocate Office and Mark Caragher, CB radio operator with hurricane emergency experience.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting, seconded and approved. A copy was present prior to the meeting for anyone who did not receive an E-Mail copy.

CO-COORDINATOR'S REPORT (LONNIE) Lonnie let the membership know that the board had approved a donation for Funeral flowers to Bill the original Crime Watch Co-coordinator upon the passing of his mother.

TREASURER'S REPORT (DAVE/MARINA) Meet and greet was discussed and a sign up sheet passed out for helpers. Marina will check out the church facilities as far as heating Pizza, chilling drinks ahead of time. Dave and Paula have already purchased paper plates for this event.

CRIME WATCH NEWS: Nick Nichols explained more about the new web site and how it works. Some discussion on how to get it out to the public took place. The membership agreed to posting minutes on the Web Site.

OLD BUSINESS: Banner for the October Meet& Greet: Nick will check this out.

NEW BUSINESS: Nick said a new STOP sign is needed at Carmon and Greenhurst intersection. Bob will discuss with Road dept, and Capt. Decker will discuss with the Sheriff. Lonnie asked Marina to remind Capt. Decker about loaning us the McGruff costume for the meet& greet night.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lonnie introduced Captain Decker who mentioned that our neighbor had not shown much participation in National Night Out this year. We discussed the possibility of a Coffee and Donuts set up at the church for this next year and getting more residents involved. It will be the first or second Thursday in August.

Ms. Martha Bateman, the head of Dorchester County Victims Advocate Services let the membership know that there are two places where victims of Domestic Violence can get shelter: Palmetto House in Summerville and My Sisters House in N. Charleston. Her agency provides a wide spectrum of services including counseling and support to the victim until the perpetrator is convicted. Financial aid for medical expenses may be available and some assistance with funeral expenses. Her staff helps victims to get to the hospital for exams in sexual assault cases.

Sergeant Tom Marshall: discussed juvenile problems in Greenhurst. He defined "Incorrigible Child" and runaway charges and explained how to get a complaint filed on a juvenile.

Mark Caragher is a member of Citizens Emergency Swat Team and explained how to enroll in the classes for the certification. It is an Independent Study Web based course. He is from Florida and has been active in Citizen Band Evacuation and Rescue efforts.

(CORRECTION TO ABOVE:)

Mark Caragher is a Ham Operator and not CB. CB is different than Ham where there is a requirement for a license and exam where when a person passes the examination obtain a license. But he lived in Sarasota County, Florida before moving up into the area and considering he had more knowledge of emergency services brought him to the meeting. At the ending of the minutes before going into July 16th minutes. A correction needs to be made there also he is not a member of what is known as CERT...Citizen Emergency Radio Team but he was explaining what they are about. There is a difference like I mentioned between CB and Ham. They are both radio but we are licensed operators who provide emergency communications in time of disasters or have been a used as communications between during severe weather. Our many websites provide useful information if anyone would be interested and here are some of those links:

<http://www.arrl.org/>

<http://www.w5yi.org>