



**Northwest Tarrant  
Community Emergency Response Team**

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**Minutes**

Northwest Tarrant CERT Training Meeting  
Thursday, 05 / 30 / 2024  
Saginaw Fire Station 1, Saginaw , Tx.

Call to Order at 6:34 p.m.  
There were no visitors or guests

**Old Business:**

Meeting Minutes from the April meeting were not available. These will need to be approved at the June meeting along with those from March.

Treasurer Report, Kris Gantt reported that our ending bank balance as of April 30 was \$1,088.25. There have been several transactions in May that will be reflected on the May report that include the purchase of a Square unit to accept donations via credit card and a donation for our volunteer efforts at the Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival resulting in a current balance as of May 30 of \$1,113.20.

**Announcements:**

Assistant Chief Scott Craver provided an update on the search for a new Emergency Management Coordinator.

Rehab opportunity June 1<sup>st</sup>.and 2<sup>nd</sup>. / 8-11 am shift – 1-4 pm shift. See Rehab Coordinator report below.  
We are updating our Bylaws and we will be voting on the changes at our next meeting in July. Copies will be sent by email in advance of the meeting after being reviewed by the city attorney.

**Reports:**

Training Coordinator Report, Chuck Inmon reported that the topic for our June training meeting will be changed to Leadership Tactics for Deployments. Additional changes to the training schedule topics are being discussed and an update will be provided.

We have a great opportunity to review and practice our skills at a joint exercise (Joint X) being hosted by Burleson CERT. See details under new business.

Recruiting Coordinator Report, Jessica Alvarado – no report

Communications Coordinator Report, Rick Blankenship advised that several members had asked about an amateur radio class. He will organize one sponsored by our team. There was discussion on what days to do the training and it was decided to do two consecutive Saturdays. Rick will be setting up dates and organizing the class and instructors. More info will be coming from Rick.

Rehab Coordinator Report, Paul Felegy – The rehab deployment event on June 1 and 2 is a major exercise for multiple fire and police departments. This is an opportunity to show the value of our CERT to not only our fire departments but several others in the area. Paul sent out an email to the membership with the details. Any member may attend as we will provide just in time training at the event.

Public Relations Coordinator Report, Kate Reed advised that the Rehab deployment was available on DeployPro to sign up.

We need a few more people to sign up for our booth at the Farmer's Market on June 8. This is in DeployPro as well.

We have been requested to assist with Saginaw's fireworks event on June 29 from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This may involve both crowd and traffic control assistance. Please sign up on DeployPro.

It is time to log your hours for May. Kate sent out a link to do this. Logging your hours is very important as this is how we justify funding from the cities.

Program Manager Report, Adam Wahlen thanked those who volunteered at and attended the TDEM Emergency Management Conference this week. There were many CERTs from across the state there. The importance of CERT is becoming more visible across the state. The Texas Division of Emergency Management named the Program Manager of the Sachse CERT as winner of the Spirit of Service Award at the 2024.

New yellow t-shirts have arrived and are available to members. Contact Kate Reed with your shirt size to pick up one.

Executive Board Report, Vice-President John Gantt stated that our recruitment brochure will be placed at the public window at Saginaw Fire Station 1. It will also be available to hand out at all of our events. Most new members are recruited by an existing member. Be sure to talk up CERT at other organizations you may be in as well as neighbors and at church. The new brochure should answer most questions and directs them to our website for additional details. You can pick up copies of the brochure at any event or at the main window at Saginaw Station 1.

If you are aware of any civic or other organizations that would like a program about what CERT is and does, let John know and he'll set it up.

#### New Business:

Joint Exercise on Saturday, July 20th will be set up in DeployPro. We are limited to 10 participants from Northwest Tarrant CERT. We will be working with Burleson, Fort Worth, and Hood County teams. The morning session will be classroom reviews on search and rescue, triage, and communications. This will be followed by the afternoon session which will be an exercise practicing those skills in a scenario involving a tornado response. The training will be inside at a school in Burleson. Be sure to sign up in DeployPro as seats are limited.

Next Meeting Date: 06/27/2024 6:30 pm at the Lake Worth Multipurpose Center

Suzie Blankenship moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Members in attendance: Robert Hammer, Morris Humphreys, Paul Fegely, Adam Wahlen, Kate Reed, Kris Gantt, John Gantt, Suzie Blankenship, Rick Blankenship, Sarah Chestnut, Jimmy Chestnut, Stacie Hill, David Reames.

Monthly Training was provided by Paul Felegy on downed power lines and what to do and not do.