Waldo County Emergency Management Agency
Youth Preparedness Committee
March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

1. **Date/Time**. The Waldo County Emergency Management Agency hosted the Waldo County Youth Preparedness Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:45 pm in the Waldo County EMA Office.

2. **Roll Call**. Those in attendance were: Jennifer Richeson (Belmont EM Director), Sara-Jo Richeson (THMS Student), Sam Richeson (BAHS Student), Joyce Weaver (UMaine Co-op Ext 4-H Program), and Dale Rowley (County EM Director).

3. **Introductions**. All members present signed in and introduced themselves.

4. **Approval of Minutes**. There being few people in attendance, the minutes were tabled.

5. **Old Business**.

a. **Recruiting**. Those present discussed inviting additional adults and youth to join the Youth Preparedness Committee. It will be important for each organization to have at least an adult and up to two youth represented from their organization. Sara-Jo will look for a THMS staff member who might be interested in being a Faculty Advisor for Teen CERT. Dale and Joyce will continue to look for representation from the JMG (Jobs for Maine Graduates) program, the BSA Scouts Waldo District, UMaine's 4-H program, the local Girl Scouts, the Gameloft, and RSU 71.

b. **Trello online tool**. Jennifer, Dale and Joyce discussed the Trello online tool. Dale set up a projector to show the tool. He has added Sara-Jo to Trello.

c. **Teen CERT**. The RSU 71 Superintendent is very excited about establishing a Teen CERT program for the high and middle school teenagers. We will need to find facility advisors in both schools and support for space and time.

6. **New Business**.

a. **YPC Training**. Dale handed out a new flyer for the Youth Preparedness Committee which also listed off some of the training that could be provided to teenagers. Sara-Jo suggested that we offer to instruct a preparedness class at THMS during the Extended Learning Time (ELT) and Pride Time. She said that the two periods are about an hour in length. Joyce pointed out that this would be a good way to get into the school and it will double as a recruiting event. Dale will look into a Weather class that might be able to be instructed by the National Weather Service. Sara-Jo said that she would like to see a personal communications class. She also felt that it should be a fun activity.

b. **Instructors**. Dale discussed that we will need to identify and train volunteers to be instructors in emergency preparedness life skills and recruit existing first responders to provide training in medical skills, fire prevention, and incident command.

c. **Other Programs**. Once Teen CERT becomes established and running, Dale and Joyce proposed working with a local elementary school to establish a FEMA program called "Support To Elementary Schools" or STEP. This is an emergency preparedness curriculum for 4th and 5th graders.

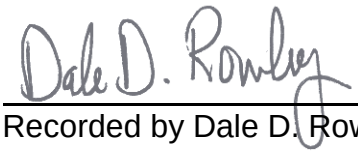
d. **Coalition**. Dale describe a similar organization call Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and how its format is similar to the Youth Preparedness Committee.

e. **Future agenda** topics can be:

- Community Life Skills Activity
- Youth Protection Committee description to new member organizations
- Discussion of Member Organizations' Needs and Capabilities

7. **Next Meeting**. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2010 at 2:45 pm in the County EMA office.

8. **Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



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