



General Meeting Highlights

Happy Holidays ECERT members and friends!

We held a General Meeting at 7:00 on November 8, 2011, at the Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). The Board invited all members with current contact information on file. We plan on repeating on a regular basis with different speakers and special subjects.

Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

Attendees: We had a great turn out – approximately 30 members and guests were able to join us.

General Update and ECERT Status: Board President Paul Thatcher and Vice President Doug Jones gave introductory remarks and reviewed the history of our organization. Paul described our goals including additional training, membership renewal procedure, and readiness objectives.

Communications Plan: Doan Hohmeyer presented our Communications plan. It's available to view or download at www.encycert.org/documents/communications. Doan is a communications expert and has graciously given ECERT many hours of his time to help us with radios and the Communications Plan.

Website: Keith McKay presented our new website – www.encycert.org. We have come a long way with the website over the past several months thanks to Keith.

ERV: The Emergency Response Vehicle was on display. It will be decorated and in top form in the Holiday Parade on 101 on December 3. This event starts at 5:30.

“Are You Ready?” Very special guests from our sister organization, Solana Beach CERT gave a wonderful presentation on their organizational structure and their outreach and

community awareness program, called “Are You Ready?” This was of great interest to General Meeting attendees and quickly led to a member, Dave Tostenson, volunteering to oversee our own Are You Ready campaign in the near future. Several volunteers signed up to participate in this effort.

Fire! Deputy Chief Dismas Ableman gave a brief presentation on the relationship between the Fire Department and CERT. He fielded several questions from the group. It was great to have him in attendance.

Needs: Paul Thatcher closed the meeting. He took several questions – many related to communications and the need of members to be kept informed about ECERT activities. ECERT and its Board have committed to improving communications and readiness. However, member support is urgently needed. The Board currently has a vacancy in the office of Treasurer.

Future: Our Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. See the website calendar for details: www.enccert.org/calendar. All members are welcome to attend.

In 2012, we are going to emphasize training and readiness. Please make sure to let us know if your contact information changes. WATCH THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION!! We hope to see you soon.