



NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING

DECEMBER MEETING

There will be no business meeting for December. In it's place, we will have CPR training at Fire Station 3.

Date and time will be announced via email

Our next business meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Fire Station #2 @ 6:30PM.

MINUTES

for the meetings of
October & November, 2009

- Len continued the presentation on the ICS (Incident Command System) which is a standard for any emergency.
- The presentation culminated at the November meeting with all taking the IS-100 test on paper. We all have the corrected test and it is a simple matter to go on line to take the test (since we already have the answers) and receive the certificate.
- Go to the following site: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp> and select IS-100a; Introduction to Incident Command System. Follow the directions and take the test. It's better to do it in one sitting.
- You will need to provide your Social Security Number at the end. When you complete the exam (successfully, of course), you will be sent to a site where you can print your certificate.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

INFORMATION

For the **December** meeting, Len is trying to set up a CPR certification session. The date will be determined and the time will begin early afternoon to allow for the requisite number of hours. More information will be sent to you via email.

Len is also arranging for a certified trainer to train those who have volunteered to be trainers for the CERT program. We hope this will take place in **January** so we can begin offering training courses to the those who want to become official members of CERT. More information will be forthcoming, again via email.

Training classes will also offer our members to review material previously studied and receive additional hands-on training. Presenters for the classes will be team-teaching giving each person the opportunity to cover material in a bit more depth than presented in the manual.

Phone Tree: the phone tree will be updated and phone numbers added. It is to be understood that phone numbers of our members is confidential and to be used solely for CERT activation and reminders for meetings.

Public Service: Volunteers are needed for the Mesquite Marathon which will be held on November 21; help is needed to man the water and aide stations along the race route. November is a busy month, but if you have some time, please give *Christian Adderson* a call at 888-711-4653, ext. 51.

Safety First: These next couple of months will be busy for all of us, but keep in mind safety. Be careful of overloading your electrical outlets as you decorate for the holidays. Be extra careful while driving on neighborhood streets since children will be out an around. If you have outdoor lights which go on automatically at night, make sure that all the bulbs are working--it only takes a minute to check at night. A well lighted neighborhood provides a measure of safety.