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Lincoln County Citizen Corps Coordinating Council (LC5) – Meeting Minutes

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Virtual

Recorder: Sam Buckley

1. Attendance & Introductions

- Representatives present: Depoe Bay CERT, South Lincoln County CERT, Newport CERT, North Lincoln CERT, Lincoln County Emergency Management, other agency partners.
 - Notable attendees mentioned: Moonbeams, Susan Graves, Del Lockwood, Samantha Buckley, Mary Reeves, Daniel Morford, Mike Eastman, Jean Burbach.
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2. Agency Collaboration Updates

- **Tribal Representation:** Still no tribal representative present.
 - **Resource Fairs & Outreach:**
 - April 14: Lincoln County School District sponsored a resource fair at the Rec Center. CERT did not have a table this year.
 - April 30: Dias Libros event at the library; both events had strong Spanish-speaking community participation.
 - **Safe Haven Hill:**
 - Workgroup formed to reevaluate cache inventories.
 - Additional 40-foot Conex box added to Safe Haven Hill.
 - Updated school cache inventories available from Susan Graves.
 - **Upcoming Events:**
 - May 21: Meeting at the library with Mike and Del.
 - May 27: Wildfire tabletop exercise (responder-only focus this year).
 - June 7: ODART exercise at the airport (food delivery via aircraft; CERT volunteers needed).
 - June 5: Tsunami 101 public class in Newport and Lincoln City (State-led; outreach materials pending).
 - Gleneden Beach "2 Weeks Ready" program in June;
 - Firewise open house in Logsden.
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3. Wildfire Tabletop Exercise Update

- 2025 exercise will be “responder-only” to focus on unified command and on-scene activities.
 - No cooperator involvement this year; plan for a combined scenario with partners next year.
 - Internal county EOC drill planned for June.
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4. Community Events & Outreach

- Wildfire presentation scheduled for Monday in Yachats; South County CERT invited to table.
 - Some confusion reported regarding event invitations and dates (Yachats vs. Waldport tabletop).
 - CERT leaders agreed to improve communication and clarify invitations for future events.
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5. Communications & Technology

- Successful Starlink communications test in Logsden; COW (Cell on Wheels) struggled with satellite connection, but Starlink worked.
 - Starlink considered more cost-effective than COW for some locations; plans to install at Big Creek Dam and Logsden station.
 - COWs remain stationed in Newport; additional units desired for other county areas, funding limited.
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6. Volunteer Group Updates

- **Depoe Bay CERT:** Continuing operations; no major updates.
- **East Lincoln:** New active volunteer (Kayla) recently relocated from North Lincoln; efforts to involve her ongoing.
- **Newport CERT:** Leadership transition planned; May 21 meeting to discuss handoff.
- **South Lincoln CERT:**
 - Nine graduates from recent training.
 - New members in process of certification for Waldport group.
 - Financial sustainability a concern due to pending fire district bond issue.
 - Discussion about CERT group funding models; North Lincoln operates as a 501(c)(3), others rely on fire district or end-of-year funds.
 - Suggestion to explore an umbrella 501(c)(3) for Lincoln County CERT programs to facilitate fundraising and support.

7. Action Items & Next Steps

- **Bylaws Update:**
 - Need to revise bylaws to include all participating NGO groups.
 - Schedule a workgroup meeting; members to bring calendars to next meeting.
- **Annual Calendar:**
 - Develop annual calendar of activities and deadlines.
- **Council Reactivation:**
 - Reactivate reporting to the Council under bylaws.
- **Leadership Elections:**
 - Chair and Vice Chair elections scheduled for November 2026; members encouraged to consider candidates.
- **Follow-up:**
 - Improve clarity and directness of event invitations and CERT communications.
 - Explore umbrella 501(c)(3) structure for joint fundraising.

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Susan Graves; seconded by Mary Reeves.
- Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.
- Next meeting: July 17, 2025 (June meeting is on a holiday)

Submitted by: Drafted by Vizzy, Virtual Assistant

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