

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

November 20, 2025, 3pm – 4pm

Summary

The meeting began with introductions and administrative matters, including the approval of previous minutes and discussion of upcoming training opportunities through various organizations. The group reviewed upcoming skills certification events and emergency management tasks, while also discussing changes to the CERT basic training program and organizational leadership positions. The conversation ended with discussions about the future of LC5, a county emergency preparedness organization, including its purpose and potential need for updating its bylaws and leadership structure.

FULL MEETING MINUTES

Welcome to new member Liz Gregory who is the new emergency manager at the Siletz Tribe.

October Minutes approved a motion from David Jamieson and a second from Dave Smith.

CERT Training and Program Updates

The group discussed upcoming training opportunities, including ICS G191 courses in Salem and Newport, as well as CERT trainings in January. Liz expressed interest in leading the East Lincoln County CERT program, though it was noted that no one had approached her about being the program manager yet. The team also discussed a basic CERT training planned for Newport and a Program Manager course in Salem. Susan mentioned plans for a large exercise in the summer through the Pathfinder program, which may or may not include CERT teams.

CERT Skills Certification Events

Sue Graves announced upcoming skills certification events, including one on December 16th in Newport and final exercises at four high schools in January.

Emergency Management Training and Planning

Liz discussed her plans to get trained in CERT and then reach out for volunteers, while also managing other emergency management tasks.

Del shared updates on upcoming trainings, including a B2 Weeks Ready session and an ICS Planning Director course.

Susan Trachsel mentioned that the county is working on end-of-year tasks and preparing for winter, with plans to start on an integrated preparedness plan in January.

CERT Group reports

Susan Graves discussed applying for a grant through the Pacific Power Community Foundation to obtain cots for disaster caches in Lincoln County schools. She invited input and collaboration from others, including potential partnerships with local agencies like the Gleneden Beach Community Center and Lincoln City Parks and Rec.

Mike shared that Central Coast had recently graduated 10 participants from a class and was planning another session in March.

David Jamieson discussed changes to the CERT basic training program, including shortening it from 8 to 4 sessions and focusing more on everyday disasters. He mentioned meeting with Chief Dahlman to finalize plans for North Lincoln Fire and Rescue to take over the training. David also shared that he would include an article by Laura Butler in the next newsletter about the humpback whale incident, highlighting lessons learned for the public. They are electing all new officers soon. North Lincoln CERT is making changes to their monthly meetings, shifting focus to everyday disasters and local expertise on topics like home repairs and plumbing. They also announced plans for a white elephant gift exchange at their December 3rd meeting.

Dave Smith reported on efforts to organize and inventory brochures and materials in South Lincoln, creating event-specific totes and working on setting up a mobile table with banners.

NOAA Tsunami Sensor Funding Update

Del clarified that NOAA's decision to cancel funding for 9 tsunami sensors in the Aleutian Islands does not mean there will be no seismic or tsunami warnings, as NOAA still operates 250 other sensors. Moonbeams announced the need for a chair and vice chair to help run meetings for the next year, starting in January, and invited nominations from CERT and MRC members.

Chairperson Succession Planning Discussion

The group discussed the need for a new chairperson and vice chairperson for their organization, as Moonbeams and David have been alternating in these positions for the past three years. Susan Graves will be reducing her hours and unable to take on the role.

The bylaws specify that these positions must be filled by members from these organizations, and the group plans to wait until January before making a decision.

LC5's Future and Leadership Discussion

The group discussed the future of LC5, a county emergency preparedness organization, acknowledging its original purpose was established after 9/11 when the National Citizen Corps existed. Susan Graves proposed rotating meeting leadership among the 7 available members, which Susan Trachsel supported but noted would require updating the bylaws. David raised concerns about the organization's current relevance, suggesting they should consider its purpose with the county commissioners and potentially explore alternative formats. The group agreed to discuss this further in December after reviewing the organization's purpose and objectives.