

# The Isles of Sarasota CERT Committee

## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

Call to order: The Meeting was called to order at 6 PM

Present:     \_\_20\_\_ CERT Members  
              \_\_15\_\_ Guests/Residents  
              \_\_0\_\_ ISLES Staff

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes: There were no minutes available of the previous meeting.

Order of business temporarily suspended for our invited Guest Speaker, Chief Ed McCrane, Sarasota County Emergency Management.

Old Business:

A. Isles CERT was represented at the Sarasota County Emergency Management Debriefing of 13 County CERT Teams that responded to Hurricane IAN (Meeting was held on Jan. 10, 2023 at the County EOC.)

New Business:

### **“NEWS YOU CAN USE”**

- A. Hybrid Class starts Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the Town Center. Our first 1-hour session is “Introduction To CERT”. It will consist of information about how CERT is organized and what we do. There is no obligation to continue. Further sessions will be monthly one-hour sessions.
- B. Anyone taking & completing the class is eligible for the PRMA incentive.
- C. There will be a TEST Text Message alert on Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. Text message to me at 508 298 8791, prior to that date, to participate. If successful, we may incorporate this procedure into our “activation” procedure.
- D. Our EQUIPMENT storage is bursting at the seams. I’d like a few volunteers to help consolidate what we have into less space. We can do it incrementally in short bursts.
- E. MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The month of May will be “Communication Month”. There will be a full-scale radio drill for our CERT team. Stay tuned for details.
- F. We now have an ISLES CERT email address: [IslesCERTinfo@gmail.com](mailto:IslesCERTinfo@gmail.com)

Any comments or questions ????

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was passed at 6:52 PM

Next quarterly CERT meeting will be on Wednesday April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Town Center. Our scheduled guest presenter will be from the National Weather Service.

Optional monthly 1-hour training sessions will be announced by email and in the Isles Newsletter to our current members email list. Please join our list to be notified.