



Camden County, MO
Emergency Management Agency
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Community Emergency Response Team

Aquapalooza 2022

EVENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

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Executive Summary

Camden County, MO Emergency Management Agency was invited to assist with the Aquapalooza 2022 event by Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District Chief Joe LaPlant to have our Community Emergency Response Team provide first aid support to relieve some of the pressure of “small calls” from the ambulance and hospital services. CERT was able to exercise the “Backpack First Aid” program again during this event. It continues to be a successful endeavor and thus the program will be continued by Camden County, MO CERT.

Project Overview

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| Project Name: | 2022 Aquapalooza |
| Date: | July 16, 2022 |
| Duration: | 5 hours |
| Location: | Captain Ron’s |
| Planning Team: | Sunrise Beach Fire Department |
| Number of Participants: | 7 CERT members and 1 EMA staff |
| Oversight: | Camden County EMA |

Assessment

Objective 1: Provide additional first aid support to assist first responders.

Activities: Providing minor medical care on-scene.

Assessment: Met & exceeded. CERT personnel utilized alternating roving patrols and a bike patrol to spot and tend to injuries. Alternating roving patrols enabled CERT personnel to have breaks from the heat. An announcement about the location and purpose of the CERT medical tent was made by the event organizers. The Camden County, MO CERT truck, trailer, and medical tent were in an even better position this year than at last year’s event. CERT will need to place medium and large non-latex nitrile gloves for all CERT first-aid bags so that the roving

patrols can glove up before tending to injuries; CERT should also order first-aid vests for the roving patrols. The boxes for the medical tape should be checked for sensitivity information, as some people may be allergic to the adhesive.

Objective 2: Test the EMA radios.

Activities: During the event, CERT volunteers remained in contact with each other and with the emergency communication bus (Bluebird) using the EMA radios.

Assessment: The new Baofeng UV82s work very well. They could be possible backup radios for CERT since they can be programmed with the county frequencies. One CERT volunteer was in the Bluebird to help with the passing of traffic to first responders, so the response time over the two frequencies used to pass information or transfer patients to first responders when needed was minimized.

Conclusion

CERT members continue to be a welcome resource for handling minor injuries during events and help to minimize the need for ambulance staff to respond to such. The staff can therefore focus on more critical injuries and maintain a standby status in case they are needed.

Recommendations

The recommendations for the next event are:

1. More supplies for the four CERT first-aid packs: one (1) bag of medium nitrile gloves, one (1) bag of large nitrile gloves, and two (2) CERT first-aid vests apiece.
2. Check the medical tape for allergy/sensitivity information.