



NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS CORPS CONFERENCE SUNSET BEACH, NC MARCH 6-7, 2008

On March 06, 2008 Walter Kenny and I attended the 2008 Citizens Corps Conference at Sunset Beach, NC. We represented the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police DART Team.

On Thursday March 05, 2008 the Conference began at 12:00 P.M., with the South Brunswick High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard presenting the American Flag and everyone doing the pledge of allegiance. The Citizens Corps provided lunch. After lunch Walter and I attended the General Session, which was an introduction to the Citizens Corp by Gerald A. Rudisill, Jr. Chief Deputy Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety.

Thursday March 06, 2008 Citizens Corps Conference General Session:

- ❑ **1:30 pm-2:15 pm Citizens Corps: A national Overview:** Brock Bierman, Director Community Preparedness Division, Department of Homeland Security/FEMA
- ❑ **2:15 pm-2:45 pm Volunteers in Police Service: Program Overview:** Nancy Kolb, Program manager, Volunteers in Police Service International Association Chiefs of Police
- ❑ **2:45 pm-3:00 pm Break**
- ❑ **3:00 pm-3:30 pm CERT: Program Overview** Cathy Henry, NC CERT Program Manager
- ❑ **3:30 pm-4:00 pm Medical Reserve Corps: Program Overview** Commander Brad Austin, Office of the Surgeon General, US DHHS
- ❑ **4:00 pm-4:30 pm Neighborhood Watch: Program Overview** Robbi Woodson, Program Manager, Neighborhood Watch- USAonWatch National Sheriff's Association
- ❑ **4:40 pm-5:00 pm Fire Corps: Program Overview (Presenter TBA)**
- ❑ **5:00 pm-5:515 pm General Session Wrap-up and Overview of Day Two** Faye Stone, NC Citizens Corps Director

Friday March 07, 2008 Citizens Corps Conference Beak Groups:

- ❑ **7:30 am-8:30 am Continental Breakfast** provided by the Citizens Corps

- **8:30 am-9:30 am** I attended the Volunteers in Police Service Break Out Group, which was presented by Chris Perez, VIPS Coordinator Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Mr. Perez gave a great presentation on what the VIPS is all about and how they assist in a Disaster.
- **9:30-9:45 am Break**
- **9:45 am-10:45 am ReadyNC-Community Preparedness in NC** Faye Stone, NC Citizens Corps Director
- **10:55 am-11:55 am Community Emergency Response Team-CERT** Jim Sells, Emergency Management Coordinator City of Concord Stanley Kite, Director, Craven County Emergency Services
- **12:00 pm-1:30 pm Lunch provided by the Citizens Corps and NC Citizens Corps Awards Ceremony** Faye Stone, NC Citizen Corps
- **1:40 pm-2:40 pm CERT: Statewide CERT Association** Cathy Henry, NC CERT Program Manager
- **2:45 pm-3:00 pm General Session Wrap-up and Conference Evaluations** Faye Stone

During the two-day conference I was able to learn a great deal on how these programs come together during a Disaster. I made some great contacts while at this conference that will help the DART Program grow and mature.

I highly recommend this conference to any program that helps in time of a disaster.

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