

Hamilton County Preppers Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date 1/22/12

****Next Meeting is 2/12/12 at 2pm****

Minutes:

1. Personal introductions of new attendees

We had a few new people in attendance. They introduced themselves and they will be added to the contact list.

2. Mission Statement, Policy Statement and Organizational Chart – This will be short.

Dave went through the progress that has been made in this area. It is still a work in progress. His group is still trying to decide the best way to decentralize the group as needed, yet keep all area groups updated on information.

3. Discussion of local churches and their willingness to work with us – Joannetta

Joannetta updated us on the progress she has made in this area. She has contacted ¼ of the churches in Hamilton County. Some want to be added to our list. Most only have food pantries at this point. She has found a few churches that see the need to prepare and one that is very ready for disaster relief. She will keep working on this until she has contacted all churches on the list. Thank you Joannetta for your great work in this area!!

4. Committees

We broke into smaller groups and formed committees for the areas noted below. The hope is that these committees can do future presentations to the group on their topic and determine what the next steps are that are needed in these areas. Would the leaders of the groups please email me with the names of the people in your group? The idea is for people to work on the committee that highlights their strengths. There was a lot of good discussion and sharing of ideas!

Food Prep/Storage/Water/Canning

Dave and Bonnie Hawkins shared some great information with the group about Food Storage. Thank you to both of them for doing the footwork and sharing with the group! Here is the information:

www.providentliving.org This is a warehouse run by the Mormons. This website has information and an order form you can print off. Click on home, then the storage tab. They are open to the public Tuesdays and Saturdays 10am-2pm and the 2nd Friday of each month from 4pm-8pm. They sell some items that are already canned. For the items that are not canned, you can buy the cans, lids and oxygen absorber from them.

They will also let you “borrow” the machine to do the actually canning. There is no charge for the machine. They lend it out on the honor system. Most of the food stays good for 30 yrs. They accept cash or checks. The name of the warehouse is The Indianapolis Home Storage Center located at 5151 W. 84th St., Indy, 46268. Their phone is 317-984-4210.

Another place they mentioned is The Ready Store, which sells canned food, but is more expensive than The Indy Home Storage Center. Samsclub.com and Costco also sell bulk food that you would be able to can yourself.

Lastly, they confirmed that you can buy used 55 gallon drums for water, from Suburban products, for \$5 each. Obviously, you will need to wash them. Dave suggested that you call ahead to see if they have them available. They don’t always carry them in stock. Suburban Products is located at 3341 W. US Hwy 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. Their phone is 317-462-4438.

Survival/Shelter/Fire

Guns/Ammo/Self-defense/Hunting/Trapping/Fishing

Communications/Outreach

- a. Physical group communications – radios
 - b. Website/Blog
 - c. Outreach to ordinary people/County EMS/Police and Fire
- Medical/First Aid/Firefighting

Transportation

Farming/Gardening

Alternative Power

Clothing /Sewing

5. Questions/comments

Dave also told us about a new website: www.Survivalweek.com. He said it is like the drudge report of survival stuff. You can currently join for free.

6. Free for all!