

SIARC MEETING NOTES FOR January 14 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

At 7:30 by President Tom Sanders KB2NCI with 28 in attendance. Because the bad weather postponed the 2014 Club Christmas Party it was agreed that we would hold that event at the EOC after the conclusion of this month's scheduled program by guest speaker Bob Green cc/EMT/P. Additionally, the Secretaries and Treasures reports were postponed until the next month's meeting in February.

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULED PROGRAM 'TOPIC ON TERRORISM:

Bob Green started his program by telling us a little about his background. He is the current Town of Bristol Supervisor. After growing up on the Family farm he became a Sheriff's Road Patrolman which he eventually retired from. He is also an EMT paramedic. After the 911 tragedy and the formation of the resulting Homeland Security Act; Bob worked for 2 years with the Interstate Office of Homeland Security to develop teaching programs. He is a sought after speaker in this field and has done so for many organizations; now to include ours. We as a group found this presentation to be very interesting, informative, as well as enlightening with regards to the vigilance, preparation, and overall knowledge that we in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service as well as concerned citizens of our Country should be aware of and practice. As a brief synopsis here of the overall program Bob began by describing the current and past terrorist attacks and events as being a "War of Attrition." He pointed out that these attacks can take many forms; for instance, "Cyber Attacks" better described as "Internet Warfare" which have taken place over 3000 times against our Government agencies in the last year alone". This also occurs many more countless times against individual persons and industry. We recently have been made keenly aware of this with the Cyber events surrounding North Korea. Cyber Terrorism can put our Grid, Oil Refineries, or for that matter anything that matters at great risk. To date, 70% of terrorist attacks have involved explosives and small arms, and aircraft hijacking, but Bob stressed for certain that they are getting more and more sophisticated. It is pretty well known now; that terrorist have been on the search for anything biological, chemical, or even nuclear to cause fear, death, and destruction. The immediate goal of the terrorist is to inflict the element of fear and uncertainty to the extent that it will change the entire way of everyday life in the nations or people that they target. Everyday chemicals used in cleaning and pesticides can be turned into poison or nerve gas that can be unleashed in mass transit systems like in the subway tunnels in Japan a number of years back. **Ricin** is a poison derived from the castor bean has no antidote that they have used. The CDC or 'Center of Disease Control' is of course greatly involved with monitoring anything that looks suspicious and out of the ordinary disease wise that could be the result of terrorism. These could be enormous threats to the population masses. With regards to Anthrax, Botulism, Smallpox, plague, Hanta Virus, Multi Drug Resistant TB, or Viral hemorrhagic fever

(Ebola) the mortality rate ranges between 30% to 90%. These pathogens can be spread by contaminating everyday items like money that are passed routinely between unsuspecting innocent people. The food in a salad bar could be made unsafe by spraying such things like salmonella type food poisoning germs on it. Trench mouth disease could be spread in a similar manner. These two fall under the heading of Agricultural terrorism. The ultimate effect and goal of all of the aforementioned terrorist strategies is to induce fear and to of course overwhelm the healthcare and law enforcement systems.

In summary as stated in the beginning of the presentation, "life after the 911 attacks as we knew it has changed and will probably never be the same." We of course need to be vigilant. We need to focus on training which could hopefully prevent such horrible events from happening but in the event that they do the necessary preparation, training and knowledge for minimizing their horrible effects thereof.

Bob received a well deserves round of applause in appreciation for this excellent presentation. Norm Schrader WB2GGM made a brief announcement of a couple of organizations especially a Parkinson's support group that he is enrolled in that are interested in the Ham Radio hobby that our group could assist in. He will get in more depth and particulars at a later meeting.

THE BELATED CHRISTMAS PARTY:

With the conclusion of Bob's program we then enjoyed our Club Christmas Party. Santa dropped by with a sheet pizza to go along with the wonderful dishes to pass that were brought.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**TOM SANDERS KB2NCI: DALE HANSEN KB2TNL: TONY GOLUMBECK
KD2HNI: JAY HAMILL KC2TCM**

**JOHN GRECO KD2GTA: SABRINA HAMILL WD2STK: STEVE SYKES KD2OM:
STEVE BENTON WB2VMR:**

**ROGER KESLER KD2RPK: GIB BUCKBEE KC2JTU: BOB GREEN: SHAWN
SPRINGER KD2HNJ:**

**VERN KUNES K2VJK: DEAN STAHLMAN W2WDS: NATHAN CASTLE KD2HDG:
DAVE METTE W2ACC:**

**RUSSELL HARRIS N2IZV: DAVID REUSSOW KC2DQS: FRANK DAVIS KDBSH:
STAN AVERY WM3D:**

**RAY DREIMILLER AB2UY: RAYMOND DREIMILLER JR KC2OHL: RUSS
DREIMILLER WA2LTH:**

MICHAEL FRIEDLAND KD2EHU: DAVID FOSTER AB2WZ: JOHN PARK WA2SSJ:

DAVE HUNTER N2EZY: NORM SCHRADER WB2GGM