



Spartanburg County CERT

Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

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CERT Training

Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the CERT training sessions below. Each session consists of 7 classes and an exercise day. Now's the time to be a part of the fastest growing Emergency Response Team in the County!! So, sign up today!!

February Training Session

CERT Training classes have been set for the following dates:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		Feb. 2	
Feb 6			
Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 16	
Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 23	Feb 25 (ESA)

We will teach all CERT classes, except the Feb 25 course, at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters (downtown Spartanburg) in the Hoechst Celanese classroom (downstairs). Classes will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at 8:30pm. The February 14th course will only be held if a makeup is necessary (for inclement weather) and the Feb 25th course will take place at the Emergency Services Academy in Duncan. That course is scheduled from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

March/April Training Session

CERT Training classes have been set for the following dates:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
March 14	March 16	
March 21	March 23	
March 28	March 30	
April 4	April 6 (Makeup)	April 8 (ESA)

We will teach all CERT classes, except the April 8th course, at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters (downtown Spartanburg) in the Hoechst Celanese classroom (downstairs). The classes will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at 8:30pm. The April 6th course will only be held if a makeup is necessary (for inclement weather) and the April 8th course will take place at the Emergency Services Academy in Duncan. That course is scheduled from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

If you plan to attend the February Session, March/April Session, or have any questions, please call 864-595-5368. In order to properly prepare for these training sessions, we need to know how many are participating. We do have limited seating, so please call today and reserve your spot in the next CERT class.

Know anyone interested in CERT?

If you know anyone interested in becoming a part of CERT, please have them contact:



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In The Spotlight

CERT Graduation: November 19, 2005

Congratulations to the following CERT graduates:

William Culver, Gerald Emory, Laura Gregory, Robert Harris, Willie Jones, John Marro, Mary McAbee, Richard McAbee, Gloria Mondonedeo, Beth Rogers, Curtis Smith, DeWayne Wilkerson, Simeon Wright, and Stephanie Wright

CERT HOLIDAY BASH

The First Annual CERT Holiday Bash took place at the Rainbow Lake Pavilion on December 27, 2005. We would like to thank Ken Tuck of the Spartanburg Water System for allowing us to use this wonderful facility. It provided a great atmosphere for a wonderful, well attended event.

With over 30 CERT members in attendance, the CERT Holiday Bash was a huge success. Numerous CERT members met several of their fellow CERT members and their families for the first time. The event was capped off with an informal awards presentation recognizing the hard work and dedication of the following CERT instructors:

- Sgt. Ted Beaty
- Steve Brown
- Barbara Grudzien
- Bob Grudzien
- Bruce Hurry
- Kathy Hurry
- Capt. Brent Lewis



If you were unable to attend this event, please make plans to pick up your shirt, hat, LED light, and chinstrap. You can either pick them up at the Spartanburg County Services Building (9039 Fairforest Rd) or at our next training exercise. For those who did attend, thank you so much for making it a success. There was so much food and drink, we were giving out to-go orders after the event concluded. With membership continuing to grow, I expect next years Holiday Bash to be bigger and better then ever. I hope to see you there!!

Attention CERT Graduates

Please take note of these additional training opportunities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Time</u>
Jan 31	Sptbg 911	Intro to 911	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Feb 25	ESA	Full Scale Exer.	9:00am – 12:30pm
April 8	ESA	Full Scale Exer.	9:00am – 12:30pm

Bob Grudzien will conduct a **Ham Radio Training Session** that will take place every Tuesday starting **January 24 and ending March 7** (no class on February 14). Classes will begin at **6:30pm and end at 8:30pm**. All classes will be held at the **North Spartanburg Fire Department**. **Bob will need \$20, at least one week in advance, so he can purchase manuals.** Ham Radio operation is a vital skill to have during an emergency. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions or want to sign up for the HAM Radio Class, feel free to contact Bob Grudzien at 864-814-3316. Also, please continue to take advantage of the online training offered at www.fema.gov and www.teex.com. If you have any questions or comments, call 864-595-5368.

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