



Spartanburg County Cert Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

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CERT Training

CERT Training will begin this month. We appreciate everyone's patience and look forward to meeting all of you.

Training Sessions

CERT Training sessions have been set for the following dates:

Tuesday	June 14, 2005	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Thursday	June 16, 2005	6:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Saturday	June 18, 2005	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

These three sessions will cover the following subject areas: disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization, and terrorism awareness.

If you plan to attend, please call 864-595-5368. In order to properly prepare for these training sessions, we need to know how many are participating.

CERT training will take place at the Emergency Services Academy. The Emergency Services Academy is located at: 100 Bob Holt Dr. Duncan, SC 29334.

If you need directions to the Emergency Services Academy, please feel free to contact Phil Plexico or Carey Ballew at (864) 439-6329. We look forward to seeing you there.

Know anyone interested in CERT?

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



Office of Emergency Management
PO Box 5666
Spartanburg, SC 29304
(864) 595-5365

There are only a few slots available, so please act quickly.



In The Spotlight

**CERT TRAINER
SGT. TED BEATY**



Sgt. Ted Beaty began his emergency services career at the age of 13 as a Jr. Fire Fighter. At the age of 14, Sgt. Beaty completed the 42 hour fire fighter course and became the youngest EMT ever certified in the state of SC. Naturally, as the youngest certified tech ever in the state, his career with Spartanburg County began with EMS. For two years, Sgt. Beaty served as crew chief for an ambulance while also serving as a reserve officer for the Sheriff's Office. After a two year stint with EMS, Sgt. Beaty became a fulltime employee for the Spartanburg County Sheriffs Office.

For the last 26 years, Sgt Beaty has been a member of the Spartanburg County Sheriffs Office. Sgt Beaty attended the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in 1980 and has obtained certifications in vehicle extrication, confined space rescue, high level rescue, swift water flood rescue and other specialized rescue fields. During this tenure with the Sheriff's Office, Sgt Beaty has been promoted to Shift Cpl, First Shift Sgt, Senior Investigator in the Arson / Auto Theft Unit, and is currently assigned to the Bomb Squad/COBA division as Sgt.

As a certified Haz-Mat Tech (founding member of local Haz Mat team), Cobra Tech, DOD tech, WMD tech, and Radiological Tech, Sgt Beaty provides invaluable experience to the Bomb Squad/COBRA division of the Spartanburg County Sheriffs Office. In addition, his experience with natural disasters has increased his response capabilities, making him a vital asset to the Sheriff's Office during disaster situations.

During his tenure with the Spartanburg County Sheriffs Office, Sgt. Beaty has experienced more than most people do during an entire lifetime. He has responded to a number of natural disasters, to include the tornados that hit Cowpens (1970's), Lyman (1970's), North Spartanburg (mid 1980's), and Chesnee (1989). In addition to tornados, Sgt Beaty responded to hurricane Hugo the morning after it hit and worked the Barrier islands for a week and a half. When Hurricanes Floyd and Jerry struck, Sgt. Beaty participated in flood rescues. So, when disasters or crime affect our local area, there is good chance Sgt. Ted Beaty is on the scene. When not responding to a local or regional emergency, Sgt Ted Beaty serves as proud family man.

Married for 26 years, Sgt Beaty has one daughter, three step daughters, two granddaughters and one grandson. When not spoiling his grandchildren, Sgt. Beaty is a member of West Gate Free Will Baptist Church where he serves as church clerk, men's fellowship director and member of the choir. With such a distinguished record, as a Sheriff's officer and family man, we are proud and honored to have him serve as our CERT trainer.

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