



Spartanburg County CERT

Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

Spring 2008

CERT Training

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a Basic CERT training session. Now's the time to become part of the fastest growing Emergency Response Team in the County!!

BASIC CERT

Dates: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29. 5/6, 5/10 (Duncan Park)

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Upstate Family Resource Center (Old BS Middle School) Last class will take place at Duncan Park

ADVANCED CERT

First Responder Training - CERT

Dates: 4/8, 4/10, 4/15, 4/17, 4/24, 4/29, 5/1, 5/6, 5/8, 5/13, 5/15

Time: All classes begin at 6:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM

Location: Upstate Family Resource Center

CERT In-Service Training

CERT In-Service training is intended for anyone who has taken First Responder Training or for anyone who is thinking about taking it in 2008. I hope many of you can make it out:

Date/Time	Subject	Location
4/22/08 – 6:30pm	Sign Language	Downtown Library
5/27/08 – 6:30pm	Airway	Downtown Library
6/24/08 – 6:30pm	Comm./ Ham	Downtown Library

CERT Full-Scale Exercise – 4/19/08

The Spartanburg County CERT Team will have their first full scale exercise of 2008 at Camp Croft on 4/19/08. This exercise will begin at 12:00pm and will conclude around 7:00pm. Currently, the following agencies have agreed to participate in this exercise: Croft FD, Arkwright FD, Rescue 18, North Carolina Search & Rescue Dog Association and the South Carolina Search & Rescue Dog Association. Currently, we have over 50 CERT members and 30 victims participating. However, we would love to have more so please do not hesitate to contact me.

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: February 23, 2008

Matthew Anderson (Teen CERT), Gerald BiJeu, Seth Brown (Teen CERT), Hunter Bruce (Teen CERT), Pat Burress, Andrew Cooper (Teen CERT), Julian Cooper (Teen CERT), Dupree Gilbert, Maverick Gilbert (Teen CERT), Max Gilbert (Teen CERT), Audra Helm, Larry Helm, Jeri Inglett, Freida Jones, Linda Lowe, Cameron Massey (Teen CERT), Jim McDonald, Angela Miller, Preston Nesbitt (Teen CERT), Sybil Painter, Tommy Painter, Janis Reese, Carol Scherer, Joe Scherer, Jerry Shaw, Shoe Shoemaker, Brett Weldon (Teen CERT), Beatrice Wofford, and Gary Wofford

C.E.R.T. in the Community

CERT plans to participate in the following activities:

Relay for Life

- May 9, 2008 / Landrum HS / 4:00pm – 7:00am
- May 16, 2008 / Dorman HS / 4:00pm – 7:00am
- June 6, 2008 / Woodruff MS / 4:00pm – 7:00am

As many of you know, CERT has been tasked with garbage/trash collection at all 4 Relay's this year. This service saves relay \$3,000 plus dollars in trash collection. Basically, this is our way of donating to such a great cause. **We need volunteers for the 3 dates noted above!!**

Christmas in Action

- April 12, 2007 / Croft Area / 8:00am – 5:00pm

Fairs/Festivals (more Festivals/Fairs TBA)

- 4/15/07 – Literacy Campaign – Mary H Bright Elementary
- 4/26/08 / Children's Program / Converse FD / 9:00am – 2:00pm
- 5/3/08 – 5/4/08 / Spring Fling / Downtown Spartanburg / 11:00am – 7:00pm & 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- 6/14/08 / Mighty Moo Parade & Festival / Cowpens SC / 8:00am – 5:00pm

NDMS Exercise – 5/17/08

The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) is conducting the following exercise on May 17, 2008:

Dirty Bombs – Region IV – May 17, 2007 – SRHS – Arrive at 7:00am – Exercise ends at 3:00pm

NDMS has asked for CERT to participate in this exercise. If you're reading this and want to participate, please let me know ASAP. NDMS is still asking for additional victims. In addition, we've been asked to serve as security officers, litter bearers, and setup. I hope those, who don't already have plans, can take part in this event. We're excited about the progress we've made and we look forward to a great exercise.