



Spartanburg County CERT

Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

Summer 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: 8/12, 8/14, 8/19, 8/21, 8/23 (ESA)

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Location: Campobello United Methodist - Last class will take place at ESA – for directions call 864-595-5368

SUPPORT SERVICES – CERT INITIATIVE

We're in the process of trying to establish a Spartanburg County Support Services Unit (made up of CERT volunteers). Basically, this Support Services Unit would go out to major response efforts where there will be a significant time commitment and numerous agencies on scene. The Support Services Unit will be like a rehab service that offers our first responders the following:

- Drinks/hydration
- Snacks/Nutrition
- Blood pressure checks
- A break from the heat
- Relief from the cold

The list above just offers a generic description of what we'll do. Everyone who's interested will be considered. However, there will be a limited number (number yet to be determined) of CERT volunteers assigned to this function. Selection to this team will be based on CERT level of training, prior experience, and CERT participation level. Every member who's interested is encouraged to apply (based on responses, everyone who applies might become a member of Support Services if there is not a huge interest). However, before agreeing to volunteer for this service, please keep the following in mind:

- Support Services volunteers are on call 24-7 for a designated period of time (while you're on-call 24-7, you don't have to respond ASAP – Support Services Activation will span long periods of time, possibly requiring shift changes)
- All support services volunteers must be 18 or older

If you have any questions about support services, please call



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In The Spotlight

CERT Graduation: June 21, 2008

Alan Caldwell, Kenneth Cash, Antonio Craig, Joy Eubanks, Yvette Gonzalez, Norma Goettmann, Roberto Goettmann, Robert McKee, Richard Osment, and Kent Washington.

C.E.R.T. in the Community

CERT plans to participate in the following activities:

Christmas in Action

•October 25, 2008 /Clifton Community / 8:00am – 5:00pm

Fairs/Festivals/Misc Events

6/28/08 – Big Lots Prep Day – Cedar Springs – 12:00-3:00
 7/09/08 – AFL Health Fair – 9:00am – 4:00pm
 7/19/08 – Kickball Tournament – Hwy 295 – Time – TBA
 7/26/08 – Regenes Health Fair – Carver Jr High – 8:00-2:00
 9/13/08 – Woodruff Fall Festival – Downtown – 10:00-10:00
 9/27/08 – Inman Harvest Day – 9:00 – 5:00
 10/4/08 – Memory Walk – 7:30pm – 2:00pm
 10/6 – 10/12 – Piedmont Interstate Fair

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:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/22/08 – 6:30pm	Human Body	Downtown Library
8/26/08 – 6:30pm	Traffic Control	Downtown Library
9/23/08 – 6:30pm	Medical Emerg	Downtown Library
10/28/08–6:30pm	Disaster Prep	Downtown Library

CERT Email Distribution Lists

To ensure that CERT members are getting the information they would like to receive, CERT has created the following two email distribution lists:

Distribution List 1 – CERT members on this distribution list will only receive information regarding CERT Classes and Exercises. For those who feel they are swamped with emails, this will help alleviate that burden while still keeping you informed about your CERT interests.

Distribution List 2 – CERT members on this distribution will not only receive information about the above-mentioned activities, they will also receive PR, Community Outreach, and sporting event information.

While we are creating these lists, the CERT website will continue to reflect all CERT activities.