



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 a CERT training session. 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!!



May/June Training Session

CERT Training classes have been set for the following dates:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
May 16		
May 23	May 25	
May 30	June 1	
June 6	June 8	June 10 (ESA)

We will teach all CERT classes, except the June 10 course, at the at the North Spartanburg Fire Department. Classes will begin at 6:30pm and conclude at 9:00pm. The June 10th course will take place at the Emergency Services Academy in Duncan. That course is scheduled from 9:00am – 2:00pm.

June/July Training Session

CERT Training classes have been set for the following dates:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
June 20	June 22	
June 27	June 29	
	July 6	
July 11	July 13	July 15 (ESA)

We will teach all CERT classes, except the July 15 course, at the at the North Spartanburg Fire Department. Classes will begin at 6:30pm and conclude at 9:00pm. The July 15th course will take place at the Emergency Services Academy in Duncan. That course is scheduled from 9:00am – 2:00pm. If you have any questions or need directions, please call 864-595-5368.

CERT in the Community

The Spartanburg County Community Emergency Response team plans to set up a booth at the following events:

- April 29, 2006 – Lyman Fest
- May 6, 2006 – HAM Fest (Fairgrounds)
- May 6-7, 2006 – Spartanburg Spring Fling (Downtown Sptbg)
- May 27, 2006 – Preparedness Fair – Westgate Mall

Know anyone interested in CERT?

Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter and distribute it to your family and friends. If you know anyone interested in becoming a part of CERT, please have them contact:



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In The Spotlight

CERT Graduation: April 6, 2006

Congratulations to the following CERT graduates:

Bill Bomar, Linda Bridges, Michael Brooks, Linda Burns, Rick Burns, Bruce Cook, Robert Cox, Shelly Jo Cooke, Craig Edwards, Mustan Kapasi, Bill Leeder, Patricia Rice, and Joseph Tonkovic

CERT Full Scale Exercise – April 8, 2006

We would like to thank the N.C. Search & Rescue Dog Association, Croft Fire Department, and the Croft State Park Rangers for participating in our latest CERT exercise. This was our first multiple agency response exercise and despite a few communication glitches, the exercise was a huge success. However, we did discover a need for a future class in land navigation.

For those who did not participate in the exercise, CERT was responding to a scenario developed by W.C. Banks of the NC Search and Rescue Dog Association. Basically, a 10 passenger prop plane crashed in Croft State Park. The emergency locator transmitter malfunctioned on the plane. Due to the malfunction, we only knew the general area of the plane crash. Therefore, we broke into four separate teams, and the search commenced.

Once the search commenced, we maintained communication with all four teams. Team 1 found the crash site, began to triage victims, and reported one person missing. Teams 3 and 4 were sent in for support and Team 2 returned to command to assist with transport/treatment. In addition, two dog teams were ordered out for the search, with Rocky finding the missing person.

We would like to thanks B.C. Banks for creating this scenario. He put a lot of time and effort in planning this out. In addition, we would like to thank Chief Lewis Hayes for his efforts and the Park Rangers for allowing us to use the park. Despite thunderstorm warnings, tornado watches, etc, we had a good turn out. Once again, thanks to everyone who made it possible and our local media outlets for covering this event (Channel 7, 21, & 62).



Attention: HAM Radio Test

Testing for an Amateur Radio License takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of every EVEN month, except December, at the American Red Cross Building, 104 Garner Road, Spartanburg, SC. The testing begins at 7:00PM. All interested in taking the test need to be there between 6:30 and 6:45 for the purpose of filling out the necessary paper work. Prior to taking the test, every student must have the following items: Picture ID, \$14.00, any CSCE (first time testers want have these), and original license/copy of license (first time testers want have these)

CERT Website

The Spartanburg County CERT team has launched a CERT website. The URL is www.spartanburgcert.org. This site will offer our CERT graduates, students, and prospective members a wealth of information about our program. We hope you find it very informative and user friendly.

CERT is a component of citizen corps