



Spartanburg County CERT

Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

Winter 2008

Basic 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!!

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: Emergency Services Academy – 101 Bob Holt Dr. Duncan, SC 29334

SAR Refresher Course – CERT – 3/28, 3/29

Please RSVP by 2/7/08.

General Ham Radio Class - Downtown Library

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/26, 4/1, & 4/8 (Test at the Red Cross)

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>
2/26/08 - 6:30pm	Maps/Compass	ESA – Duncan
3/25/08 – 6:30pm	Med. Emerg.	Downtown Library
4/22/08 – 6:30pm	ICS	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 10:00pm. Those who want to camp out over night are encouraged to do so. While the details of this exercise are not finalized, the time and location are. Therefore, mark your calendars and plan to join us a Camp Croft (enter croft State Park – take first rd to left – will see a gate – rd will dead end)

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: January 28, 2008

Daniel Baker (TEEN CERT), Tom Baker, James Baldwin, Tom Broughall, Elaine Gutierrez, Jorge Gutierrez, Libby Gurley, Mitzi Gurley, Tracie Gurley, Ashley Humphries, Heather Hunt, Sylvia Varner, and Josh Williams (TEEN CERT).

C.E.R.T. in the Community

CERT plans to participate in the following activities:

Relay for Life

- April 11, 2008 / Wofford College / 4:00pm – 7:00am
- 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 4 dates noted above!!**

Christmas in Action

- April 12, 2007 / South Converse St / 8:00am – 5:00pm

We do two CIA projects every year. This will be our first of 2008. **We sorely need volunteers for this event.**

Fairs/Festivals (more Festivals/Fairs TBA)

- 3/8/08 / SOAR Academy Benefit / Barbershop BS / 9:00am – 2:00pm
- 4/6/08 / 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 requiring a head count by the end of February. It's critical we have a great showing for this exercise. This is the first time we've been asked to carryout several functions as opposed to just victims. I hope those, who don't already have plans, can take part in this event.