



# Spartanburg County Cert Newsletter



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## Train-the-Trainer

CERT Train-The-Trainer Courses will begin soon. We appreciate everyone's patience and look forward to meeting all of you. Currently, our CERT

efforts have been focused on increasing enrollment in the program. Once we enroll 60 or more CERT members, training those enrolled will become our primary focus. With 44 members enrolled, we are progressing towards our objective and hope to accomplish it very soon.



## Train the Trainer Courses

While training dates have not been established, we have decided on the content. To become a CERT member, one must complete a 20 hour course consisting of the following eight (2 1/2 hour) sessions.

- Session 1 - Disaster Preparedness
- Session 2 - Disaster Fire Suppression
- Session 3 - Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
- Session 4 - Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
- Session 5 - Light Search and Rescue
- Session 6 - Disaster Psychology and Team Organization
- Session 7 - Terrorism Awareness
- Session 8 - Course Review and Simulation

## 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  
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(864) 595-5366

CERT is a component of



## In The Spotlight

### FOUR SPARTANBURG COUNTY CERT TEAM MEMBERS SERVE AS FEMA COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

As you know, the entire east coast has been devastated this hurricane season. Following Hurricane Frances, the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA asked us to tap our local CERT team in an effort to locate people who could serve as Community Relations Officers. Out of the 23 CERT members from SC assisting with this relief effort, Spartanburg County sent four. Therefore, we would like to recognize the following Spartanburg County CERT team members and note their service area locations:

- Douglas Bodem - Pennsylvania
- Steve Brown - Western NC
- Mustan Kapasi - Western NC
- Robert Transiskus - Western NC

These 4 individuals served 3 or more weeks in the areas noted above. They all received their initial training in Atlanta GA and enjoyed their FEMA experience.

We appreciate the time and effort exerted by these CERT members. They set a great example for our CERT program and we are proud of their numerous accomplishments. If called upon again, we look forward to involving them and other CERT members in future FEMA relief efforts.

## CERT LINKS

FEMA CERT Training Materials  
<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/mtrls.asp>

CERT National Newsletter (The Connection)  
<http://www.naem.com/connection.html>

CERT Student Quiz  
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/certchallenge/home.htm>

