



Spartanburg County Cert Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

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CERT Training

Our next round of CERT Training will begin next month. We look forward to graduating another class of CERT volunteers.

Training Sessions

CERT Training sessions have been set for the following dates:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	Nov 3	
Nov 8	Nov 10	
Nov 15	Nov 17	Nov 19

All Tuesday/Thursday classes will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 9:30 pm. Every Class, except for the last two, will be held at the North Spartanburg Fire Department. The last two classes (Nov 17 & 19) will be held at the Emergency Services Academy with the last class starting at 9:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm. These classes will cover the following material: disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization, and terrorism awareness.

If you plan to attend or have any questions, please call 864-595-5368. In order to properly prepare for these training sessions, we need to know how many are participating. We do have limited seating, so please call today and reserve your spot in the next CERT class.

Know anyone interested in CERT?

If you know anyone interested in becoming a part of CERT, please have them contact:



Office of Emergency Management
PO Box 5666
Spartanburg, SC 29304
(864) 595-5368

There are only a few slots available, so please act quickly.

Attention CERT Graduates

Please take note of these additional training opportunities:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Time</u>
Nov 1	USC-Upstate	Graniteville/Lessons	6-9

If you have any questions, feel free to call Carey Ballew at 864-439-6329.

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In The Spotlight

CERT Graduation: October 22, 2005

Congratulations to the following CERT graduates:

Bill Adamson, Wendy Fleming Bailey, Philip Blanton, Dickie Fleming, Charles Ficklin, Lois McGaha, Holly Mitchem, Trish Shields, Lyn Smith, Eddie Speed, Robbie Swofford, Merleh Whistenant, Betty Wilkins, William Wilkins, and Shirley Williams.

CERT TRAINERS

Steve Brown, Barbara Grudzien, Robert Grudzien, and Kathy Hurry have volunteered to train the next class of CERT volunteers. To learn more about them, please read below:

Steve Brown: Steve Brown's career in public safety actually spans over 30 years. During this time, Steve has held the following positions:

- Captain, Central Rescue Squad
- Training Officer, Boiling Springs/Lake Cunningham FD
- Member, Greenville County Haz-Mat Team
- VP, SC Vietnam Era Veterans Association
- FEMA, Community Relations Officer

Once a licensed EMT and Haz-Mat specialist, Steve will bring a lot of knowledge and real life experience to the program. His knowledge and skill sets will make him a vital part of our CERT training program.

Barbara Grudzien: A mother of 5 children, Barbara has always been active at home and in the community. While living in Las Vegas, Barbara served as an American Red Cross First Aid instructor and was active in the Boy Scouts of America. When she moved to Mississippi, she continued to participate in the Boy Scouts of America and received the District Award of Merit from the Yocona Area Council in Mississippi. In addition to these activities, she and her husband Bob were and still are HAM Radio Operators. As a Member of the Mercury Amateur Radio Association (MARA), Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES), Barbara will be a vital asset for our CERT HAM radio class. In addition to teaching CERT classes, Barbara volunteers for the North Spartanburg FD.

Robert "Bob" Grudzien: As a HAM radio operator, Bob has been part of MARA, ARES and RACES in Las Vegas, NV; Tupelo, MS and just beginning here in South Carolina. He served as State RACES Officer in Nevada for a year term. He also worked as NET Control for SKYWARN in MS. Like his wife, Bob has also been active with Boy Scouts of America. Bob has served as Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and Roundtable Commissioner. He also taught CPR for the American Red Cross in Las Vegas and was in Disaster Services in Mississippi. Bob works actively in church where he is currently serving as Emergency Communications Coordinator. He also serves with the Volunteer Support Services at the North Spartanburg FD and is a First Responder. He works at ALCOA Home Exterior as System Administrator and acts as the Specific Point of Accountability for their First Responders in the Gaffney, SC and the Atlanta, GA plants.

Kathy Hurry: Being a part of things that impact and improve community life is what Kathy likes to do most. When she's not busy providing day care for her 2 grandsons, she enjoys volunteering for her church and community fire department. Kathy is an active member of Support Services at the North Spartanburg Fire Department. In addition to her First Responder duties, Kathy serves the Spartanburg Community with her involvement in CERT. Prior to moving to Spartanburg, Kathy performed numerous volunteer functions in her home state of Tennessee. While in Tennessee, Kathy was an EMT/Paramedic, CPR Instructor, Emergency Dispatcher, and County Training Officer for EMS. We are very excited to have Kathy on our team. She brings a wealth of experience to the CERT Team and Training Program.