



Spartanburg County CERT

Newsletter



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Community Emergency Response Team

Winter 2007

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!!

January/February Training Session

BASIC CERT Training classes have been set for the following dates:

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		Jan 25 (H)	
Jan 30 (E)	Jan 31 (NSFD)		
Feb 6 (H)		Feb 8 (H)	Feb 10(ESA)

We will teach all CERT classes, except the Jan 31 course, at the Spartanburg County Downtown Library . These classes will either take place in the Hoechst Celanese Classroom (H) or in the Erwin Room (E). The January 31st class will take place at the North Spartanburg FD (Station 1). The exercise or practical will take place at the Emergency Services Academy in Duncan. All weekday classes start at 6:30pm and end at 9:00pm. The Feb 10th course will start at 10:00am and end around 1:00pm.

Advanced CERT Classes

First Responder Class

Advanced CERT training in First Responder will take place on the following dates from 6:00pm – 10:00pm:

<u>Monday/Wednesday</u>	<u>Tuesday/Thursday</u>
Feb 12 / Feb 14	Feb 13 / Feb 15
Feb 19 / Feb 21	Feb 20 / Feb 22
Feb 26 / Feb 28	Feb 27/ Mar 1
Mar 5 / Mar 7	Mar 6 / Mar 8
Mar 12 / Mar 14	Mar 13 / Mar 15
Mar 19	Mar 20

Please pick a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday session to attend. The classes will take place at the Emergency Services Academy (ESA) in Duncan. This course will be free of charge to all CERT graduates.

CPR/Weather Classes

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
CPR/First Aid	Jan 16	6:30pm – 10:00pm
Basic Storm Spotter	Jan 8	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Adv. Storm Spotter	Jan 22	6:30pm – 8:30pm

The CPR class will take place at North Spartanburg FD (Station 1) while the Weather classes will take place as ESA. All classes are free of charge to CERT graduates.



In The Spotlight

CERT Graduation: October 26, 2006

Congratulations to the following CERT graduates: Tim Buckner, Barry Burnette, Kaye Calvert, Jared Foster, Julie Frates, Buffie Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Lynn Lamb, Dave Lazenby, Cynthia Parsons, Carol Robinson, Rich Rolen, Nita Nolen, Tony Scruggs, & Jeff Staton.

CERT Graduation: November 18, 2006

Congratulations to the following CERT graduates: Dennis Corkery, Cherise Crosby, Evelyn Eller, Joe Emory, Nicole Haynes, Krista Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Robin Johnson, Leigh Moore, Patrick Morris, Tim Praytor, Tiffany Simmons, and Kathy Swaney.

2006: Year in Review

In 2006, Spartanburg County CERT accomplished the following:

- Trained 83 CERT members (7 graduating classes)
- Conducted more than 10 community presentations (Salvation Army Community Center, UNA Community Organization, Several Churches, Civitan Club, 2 School Districts, DAV, and more)
- Held two full scale exercises (Croft & the Fairgrounds)
- Assisted DHEC at 2 Flu-Clinics
- Offered HAM Radio training, Basic Storm Spotter (twice), Advanced Storm Spotter, Radar and Winter Weather Classes to all CERT graduates
- Attended 11 festivals/fairs (Piedmont interstate Fair, Spring Fling, Mighty Moo, etc)
- Participated in 10 parades (Veterans Day Parade and 9 Christmas Parades)
- Helped Goodfellows with their grocery bagging initiative

While there is no denying the progress we made in 2006, we are looking forward to a much more productive year in 2007. If you're not already a member of the one of the most active and fastest growing volunteer initiatives in the Community, please join today!

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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