

SEPTEMBER 2016



# Montgomery County CERT General Meeting





# Tonight's Agenda

- CERT Business
  - Reports
  - Upcoming opportunities
  - Calendar review
- Guest Speakers
  - Beth Anne Nesselt, MCFRS Community Outreach
  - Bat. Chief James Resnick, MCFRS



# Reports

- Labor Day Parade Deployment
  - Thanks to our members
    - Gary, Gina, Jamison, Kevin, Kyle, Maeir, Mitch, Paul, Pearce, Thomas
  - Thanks to Kathee and the JFB/Teen CERTs
  - Lessons learned, including the value of hydration and why CERT members work in pairs.
  - After action notes are being gathered. Please send your input to
    - [President@montgomerycert.org](mailto:President@montgomerycert.org)
    - Window will close on 9/15



# Reports

- Virtual CERT (VERT)
  - Thanks to our members
    - Jay, Katelyn, Rebecca, Steve, Victor
  - Virtual CERT activated in support of our partner, Humanity Road for the Hurricane Hermine as it moved thru FL. and the SE states
  - VERT function is data mining;
    - Turning “noise” into actionable information
  - Those interested to learn more can contact Steve Peterson



Fall 2016 Calendar



# MC-CERT Activity Calendar Fall 2016

- 9/14- NIAID Safety Fair
- 9/16- Friends and Family ADULT only CPR.
- 9/21- 1000-1400: NCI/JHU preparedness fair
- 9/21- 1900: CERT Instructors Meeting, PSHQ
- 9/24- Support Eagle Scout Project at Burtonsville Days
- 9/24-25-CERT Con (Fairfax County)



# MC-CERT Activity Calendar

## Fall 2016 (Cont)

- 10/1: 1300-1600- ***Storm Camp*** in Rockville
- 10/5-11/5: *CERT Basic* class (Wed & Sat Sequence) PSHQ
- 10/15: Go Team Exercise
- 10/29: “Are you Ready” Safety Fair/Speaker-Type Event
- 11/12: MCFRS FTX- Silver Springs, Mock Victims Needed
- 11/19: Takoma/Silver Spring Speaker-Type Event





Outreach



# Safety Fairs/ Preparedness Events

- Multiple opportunities as seen on earlier calendar
  - Some in the evenings/weekends
  - Some during working hours
- Point of contact is Lisa Ackerman or Chris Frechette



# Schedule of Events

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	POC	POC Email	POC Phone Number	Details	# of Volunteers
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Safety Fair	9/14/2016	1000-1600	5601 Fishers Lane Bethesda, MD 20892	Chad Maynard	Chad.Maynard@nih.gov	301-594-0716	30 min presentation and man booth	3
Preparedness Fair National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) Montgomery County Campus	9/21/2016	1100-1400	9605 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850	Georgianne Mitchell	georgianne.mitchell@nih.gov	240-276-5249	We would like for the Montgomery County CERT to also participate in this fair and help disseminate helpful preparedness, safety, and security information to this community. This year's theme is "Don't wait Communicate".	2
Burtonsville Day	9/24/2016	1100-1600	Marilyn J Praisner Community Recreation Center 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866	Paul Griffin	paulgriffin608@gmail.com	301-655-6119	Fire extinguisher demo-cannot be discharged	4
Storm Camp	10/1/2016	1300-1600	Rock Creek Terrace Community Center 12630 Veirs Mill Rd Rockville, MD 20853	Pearl Parker	pearl@psparker.com		Her sorority sisters can help with watching children; event is in eventbrite	15
Are You Ready?	10/29/2016	0900-1200	Silver Spring at God Glorified COGIC Church	Paula Hughes	PGCERT.pmhughes@gmail.com	443.474.3239	Present "Are you Ready" with Clinton CERT "Topics include Making a Kit, Preparing You and Your Home, and Making a Plan. Davitta will be presenting on Terrorism and Suicide Bombers. I will be presenting on Disaster Recovery. Two other Clinton CERT presenters will take whatever is left if you have someone willing to participate with us. We have a Powerpoint presentation already completed, which we have used several times before; the last presentation was in College Park in May."	2



## ***STORM CAMP***

- Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>- 1300-1600.
- Rock Creek Terrace Community Center, 12630 Veirs Mill Rd, Rockville, MD 20853
- Points of contact are Lisa Ackerman or Chris Frechette
- Key members include Pearl Parker and Anne Marill
- This Storm Camp has a children's and adult section.
- Some key CERT members are not available for this event, Looking for qualified instructors/volunteers to assist.



## Operations



# GoTeam Exercise

Saturday, October 15th: Save the date!

- Expect residential evacuation exercise
- Location TBD



# Information Technology





## GoTeam Communications Drill Review

- Monthly GoTeam communications test randomly sent via CERVIS by GoTeam Dispatchers.
- We will send via email and text (240-392-3780) to all active GoTeam members.
- *It will read: “This is a **Monthly Test** of the CERT GoTeam Deployment system. **This is not an actual deployment.**”*
- *“Reply **ONLY** if you **COULD** arrive within **60** minutes with First/Last Name, “I am responding”, and ETA to test site.”*
- Method to Our Madness:
  - Different days and times allows more of a likely incident attendance from our members.
  - Goal to have enough depth to respond with minimum of 7 to 15 people anywhere in MoCo almost any time of day or night.
  - Having quick and accurate responses from members so we can do practice doing timely PARS reports on an actual deployment.





# Virtual CERT



## VIRTUAL CERT (VERT)

- Activated to support Hurricane Hermine over Labor Day
- Supported Humanity Road storm related data collection
- Special Thanks to Katelyn Kegan
- Also thanking:
  - Victor Cid
  - Rebecca Jackson
  - Jay Kaplon
- VERT Training coming soon



# Training



# Training Opportunities

- Friday September 16: 1800-2100: Friends and Family Adult CPR
- 10/5- 11-5: Fall 2016 CERT Basic- PSHQ
  - Members invited to review/renew your skill sets
  - Support new students and instructors
- Mid-October- Go Team FTX
- 11/12: MCFRS FTX- Silver Spring



# CERT Con 2016

- Scheduled for late September (9/24-25) in Fairfax County
  - \$10 charge (for the T-shirt)
  - Saturday class room in Annandale; Sunday field exercise in Lorton



## Upcoming Events



# CERT Holiday Party

- Early December- Date TBD
- Contact Trish Laut if you would like to be on the planning committee and assist with the party.





## Organizational News





# National CERT Conference in Universal City, CA

- Steve Peterson presenting *Virtual CERT* to 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National CERT Conference in Los Angeles, CA
- Greg St James accompanying and introducing Steve
  - (CERTS always travel in pairs)



# National CERT Conference in Universal City, CA





**FEATURED SPEAKER**



# Welcome!!

- Beth Anne Nessel, MCFRS Community Outreach
- Bat. Chief James Resnick



# CERT SKILLS utilization

- Did anyone use their CERT Skills this month?





Greg!!!



## *Next General Meeting*

- Please join us on October 8<sup>th</sup> here at PSHQ
  - Sign up in CERVIS



**Thank you**