

OCTOBER 2015



Montgomery County CERT General Meeting





Tonight's Agenda

- CERT Business
 - Reports
 - Upcoming opportunities
 - Skills Review
 - GoTeam



Outreach



Upcoming Opportunities

- 10-11: GWGVFD 12-1700
- 10-24: Friends an Family CPR (wait listed) 10-1400
- 11-18: AORN (speaker op) Holy Cross/SilSpr 18-2000h
- TBD: By-stander care speaker for Greenbelt CERT



Operations



Upcoming Events

- Oct 10th Go-Team exercise at PSHQ
 - Go-Team Responders practice line search 12:45-14:00
- Oct 11th: Kentlands Oktoberfest (0730-1730)
 - » Staff First Aid Station
 - » Staff barricades



Pending Events

- Hi-Rise Evac (Act 2) at PSTA ? (Date TBD)
- Additional Go-Team trainings expected this fall
 - Damage Assessment “windshield” survey



Special Operations



Information Technology



- Members are encouraged to stay familiar with CERVIS
- Web page changes expected soon



Training



January Storm Camp

- January 9th 2016; PSHQ
- Need volunteers for
 - adult section
 - children section

STORM CAMP





CERT Training Class Fall 2015

- Final Practical on 10/10
 - Members can refresh their skills with students
 - Members can vol. as “victims” to get that perspective of the exercise



Future trainings

- Expect another 800 MHz radio training
 - Specifically for Go-team responders utilizing a County radio
- Specific reviews for Damage Assessment and Search
 - Prior to D.A. and Search exercises refresher training may be scheduled



Other Trainings

(underway off site)

- Business CERT (BERT) underway at NCI
- Teen CERT training
 - Thursday and Sunday afternoons
 - Kathee will need instructors periodically



“web based” trainings

The Kansas City MO CERT produced a series of videos and a guide manual for planning and hosting your own CERT Rodeo which they entitled “[CERT Rodeo In A Box](#)”

www.preparemetrokc.org/Get_Involved/certrodeo.asp .

The videos were professionally produced and include footage of actual CERT Rodeo training they conducted.



“web based” trainings (continued)

Topics include:

- The Art of the Grid Search
- • Damage Assessment
- • Preparedness on a Budget
- • Decision Making
- • Moulage
- • Functional Needs
- • Introduction to Ropes and Knots



Recent Events and Upcoming Events



Holiday Party

WHO: CERT Members and guest

WHEN: Friday evening December 11th; 1900-2100

WHERE: Kentlands

Details will follow at November meeting

Please save the date; **12-11-15**



Organizational News



GO-TEAM REVIEW



Team Organization

- Teams of two
- Each *group* of teams must have a manager (aka *leader team*)
 - i.e. in a group of 8 there would be six 2 person teams and one 2 person *leader team* (designed to act as floor/zone manager)
- Radio is issued only to skilled team member who
 - Carefully positions their radio to be heard in a noisy area
 - listens; can use ear piece; only talks when called or in an emergency
 - Always speaks in clear, crisp, clean, tones
 - Is careful to avoid accidental transmissions (“open-mic”)

Individual Gear



- Each member must have the following:
 - Sturdy shoes or boots with tread; long pants; uniform shirt
 - CERT issued VEST; Gloves; appropriate outer wear
 - Includes CERT cap, hat, or helmet; standard issue PPE
 - Two light sources (i.e. Head lamp & flashlight or light sticks)
 - *Whistle* of emergency signaling
 - Something to write on and with (i.e.: notebook and pencil)
 - Individual first aid kit (to treat themselves)
 - *Basic* first aid *supplies* to treat bleeding on a patient; gloves

Leader Gear



- Each *leader* team must have the following:
 - All “member gear” (as previous)
 - Radio (when issued or personally owned)
 - Map; sketch of the area; note important details from brief
 - Exact count of your members, their names
 - Last known location of each member (for PARS)



Team Gear

(issued at Rally Point)

- Issued by logistics at rally point:
 - Radios
 - Bull horn
 - Tarps and litters (as needed)
 - First Aid supplies
 - Bandages; dressings; splints; etc
 - Incident specific items (flags; tape; “green dots”; forms)



Deployable Go-Team Review

- **Notification:**
 - Via email &/or SMS message; must have SMS text box checked to get messages
- **Respond:**
 - ACK to dispatch; get to address within 90 '(NO negative replies needed)
- **Rally:**
 - At a given address slightly away from the site within 90 minutes
 - May have to walk or carpool into actual location
 - Must be in teams *with team gear* (i.e. radios, “marking media”, whistle) issued
 - Must identify team leads prior to moving out
- **Report to *the IC*:**
 - Stand attentively, orderly, and in formation while CERT Command gets assignment from IC



Deployable Go-Team Review (continued)

- Remediate
 - Address the problem you came to help with; stay alert & safe
 - Remain professional; stay focused; report as requested
- Return:
 - Return to your vehicles when assignment is complete
 - ***Text dispatch to say you are “in quarters” (aka home)***
 - Make notes for after action review
 - Adjust your equipment, supplies, sundries so you’ll be ready for next time



CERT SKILLS utilization

- Did anyone use their CERT Skills this month?



Next General Meeting

- Please join us again on November 12th at PSHQ



Thank you