

NOVEMBER 2013



Montgomery County CERT General Meeting



Tonight's Agenda

- Montgomery County Police Search and Rescue Unit
- General Meeting
 - Outreach
 - Training
 - IT
 - Operations
 - HR
 - Social Media
 - Miscellaneous announcements



Montgomery County CERT 10 Year Anniversary Reception

- Date: December 12th (7:00pm)
- Location: Strathmore Mansion
- Refreshments served
- Music provided
- Holiday dress attire recommended
- County officials in attendance
- Come celebrate our major milestone!
- **RSVP by December 2nd to president@montgomerycert.org**



Thank You – Final Practical Support

- Eleanor Adcock
- Jeff Alderdice
- Maeir Burstyn
- Cynthia Halota
- Kathee Henning
- Jennifer Hobson
- Tricia Laut
- Elizabeth O’Connell
- Stephen Panossian
- Steve Peterson
- Ken Ow
- Mike Slingluff
- David Steele
- Kristen Wear
- Joan Willoughby
- Jay Wilson
- Carol Wisniewski
- Paul Laing



Thank You – Camporee Support

- Carl Brill
- Tim Bradley
- Todd Jasper
- Ken Nelson



Congratulations

Congratulations to the
September/October 2013 CERT
Class!!!



Scout Master of Disasters Training - October 19th

- Strengths
 - Friday evening coordination meeting
 - Well received visit by TROOPER 3 (helo)
 - Air horn signal
 - Established a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) station set up (Channel 147.06 was heavily trafficked)
- Lessons Learned
 - Time monitoring ability needed
 - Test length of activities in advance of event
 - Can't use a signal mirror on a cloudy day
 - Whistles next to radios was disruptive
 - Glass signal mirrors work better than plastic



Junior Fire Brigade (JFB) - Fire Extinguisher Training

- Fire extinguisher training provided to the JFB and Advisors of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department
- Ken Ow conducted the training with Ken Nelson's assistance
- Additionally, they completed the CERT Unit2 Fire Safety training lecture
 - Ken Ow provided the lecture
- Enough fire extinguishers for students and advisors were provided
 - MC DOT provided one
 - Ken Ow brought two
 - CERT provided three And we had the 3 from CERT



Outreach



Outreach Results

- Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department Open House
- Gaithersburg – Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Dept Open House



Outreach Opportunities

- Elementary School Career Day (Kindergarteners through 5th Grade)
 - MCCERT has been invited by Montgomery County Public Schools' Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships to attend career day
 - Career day will include interactive, hands-on presentations and will have various careers in attendance
 - Service Careers - Police, Fire Department; Entertainment Industry; other various and non-traditional careers and presenters
 - Date: Thursday, December 5th
 - Time: 9:00am until 11:15am and will include 4 sessions
 - Location: Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School - 1200 Swingingdale Drive - Silver Spring, Maryland 20905
 - If interested, please register through CERVIS.



Outreach Opportunities – cont'd

- Alternative Education Programs Career Day (Grades 9th through 12)
 - MCCERT has been invited by Montgomery County Public Schools' Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships to attend career day
 - The career day will include hands-on, interactive presentations on various careers.
 - Date: Wednesday, December 11th
 - Time: 11:30am until 2:10pm and will include 3 sessions
 - Location: Blair Ewing Center (14501 Avery Road - Rockville, Maryland 20853)

- If interested, please register through CERVIS.



Training Update



Are You Ready for STORM CAMP?

You don't have to study the news very carefully these days to realize that we live with threats to our safety and the safety of our families every day. Sometimes the threat comes in the form of a storm or an earthquake, sometimes by man-made events, and sometimes our safety is jeopardized by health emergencies. In each case the question is: Are you ready?

Storm Camp is a half day interactive educational event for adults and children designed to help you answer the question above with a resounding yes. *Storm Camp* will show you how to prepare your home and loved ones for emergencies large and small. You'll learn how to build a Home Disaster Kit, how to safely operate a fire extinguisher, how to respond to common life threatening medical emergencies, and how to organize your neighborhood and workplace to be ready. Kids under 12 will enjoy a special program of fun and learning that will turn ordinary youngsters into "*Ready Pirates*" equipped with age appropriate emergency skills.

Storm Camp is a 3 ½ to 4 hour long interactive event for groups of 50 or more presented by The Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). *Storm Camp* is presented by FEMA certified instructors who are made up of active and retired EMT's and firefighters.

To learn more or to request a *Storm Camp* for your group please contact Greg St. James at greg.stjames@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Mock Victims Needed

- Mock victims are needed for an upcoming training exercise

Date: December 7, 2013

Arrival Time: 7:45am (please be prompt)

Departure Time: Approximately 12:00am

Location: 6600 Wisconsin Avenue, Station 6

Dress: OLD clothes that could be stained or torn

Weather: Rain or shine, the exercise will occur. If there is a need to cancel, you will be contacted



Instructor Workshop

- January 4th
- It will be held at the PSHQ
- Please contact Kathee at training@montgomerycert.org



2013 Training Survey Summary

- 18 surveys submitted for the Sep/Oct class compared to:
 - 32 for the Apr/May class, and
 - 13 for the Jan/Feb class

88%	strongly agreed or agreed with classroom and material
83%	strongly agreed or agreed with instructors



Training Update

- Next CERT BASIC Training Class dates set January 15-February 15 (Wed/Sat)
- CPR Update



Air Cadettes – Fire Extinguisher Training

- Training provided to the Civil Air Patrol (Montgomery Senior Squadron MD-073)
- Greg St. James conducted the training
- Relationship formed through effort last year (Larry Krauser & JFHQ)
- Lesson Learned: When we provide good service to the community, we often find ourselves being called back to assist in other similar initiatives (e.g., JFHQ Preparedness Expo)



Training for Bethesda Urban Partnership

- Ongoing
- CPR added
- Setting up this training was a successful, collaborative team effort involving the Outreach and Training Coordinators!
Thank you, Jay and Kathee!



Training for Choice Hotels

- Seeking to train staff in the 1st quarter of 2014
- They will receive full CERT training
- We will seek to pay our instructors
- Remaining funds will be placed in a CERT fund for usage in future purchases (e.g., t-shirts)



Information Technology Update



Volunteer Management Software - CERVIS

- **Have you logged in?**
- Results of testing the sign-in feature on laptops – to be determined



Website Makeover Continuing

- Website planned to be your central go-to source for CERT information
- An MCCERT Members Tab has been added where you can successfully log onto CERVIS and register for any event
- Social media feeds added therefore those who do not use (nor have) a social media account, can see the feeds
- New sections added
- More photos (Flickr?, Pinterest?)



Operations Update



Automation of CERT Members Location

- Progress being made on damage assessment project
- Automated geographical location of CERT members



Human Resources Update



Human Resources Update

- HR@montgomerycert.org
- Fingerprinting and Badging Appointments from Jan/Feb and Apr/May 2013 classes continue
- No County IDs issued in October
- Working to inserting data from September/October training class into CERVIS



Social Media Update



Social Media Presence

- Facebook
 - 150 Likes
- Twitter
 - 178 Followers
- Our Facebook page liked mostly by members
- Most Twitter followers are fellow emergency organizations and individuals interested in CERT teams nationally
- Action Items
 - Facebook – get more members to like the page, especially newest classes
 - Twitter – talk about ourselves more



Miscellaneous



GovSec Conference and Expo

- We will be presenting at this event in May 2014 on our nationally-recognized CERT initiative associated to social media monitoring and generating situational reports



Public Safety Headquarters Storage

- The new (and secure) supply room is in use at the PSHQ
- This will be the central location for all CERT material, including HR documentation, moulage supplies, outreach material, etc.
- We need assistance to move final items from the COB to the PSHQ store room



Communications

- The Emergency Communication Plan is progressing
- Several members collaborating



Chief Innovation Office of Montgomery County

- Greg and Steve met with Dan Hoffman on October 29th
- Dan will set up a meeting between himself, MCOEMHS, Greg, and Steve in the near future



Next General Meeting

- The next general meeting will be held in January 2014
- We hope you can make it to the 10 year anniversary celebration