

APRIL 2014



Montgomery County CERT General Meeting



Tonight's Agenda

- General Meeting
 - Swearing in of new officers
 - Operations
 - Outreach
 - HR
 - Social Media
 - IT
 - General announcements
 - Training
- Guest Presentation



Swearing In of 2014-2015 MCCERT Officers

- Steve Peterson, President
- Carl Brill, Vice President
- Tricia Laut, Treasurer



Outreach



Storm Camp

- March 29th Storm Camp was a tremendous success
- Holding a hot wash this Saturday
- Preparing for next Storm Camp (details following in the Training portion of this evening's presentation)
- 5 attendees expressed interest in taking CERT Basic Training



STORM CAMP



Montgomery Amateur Radio Club

- On April 2nd , Carl Brill and Carlos Santiso provided a CERT presentation to the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club
- Attendance was good (about 40 people) and they show interest
- They were informed about CERT training and Storm Camp



Montgomery County Public Schools

- MCPS School events need volunteer speakers
- There are many of these events posted in CERVIS
- By us volunteering at these events, we strengthen our relationship with MCPS!!!
- Please email president@montgomerycert.org if you have any questions or are interested in speaking at any of the future school events



Request for Veterinarian-skilled CERTs

- Dear CRB partners, We just received another request for May 2, 2014.
- Do you have any Veterinarians or folks that do research with animals whom would be available?
- The event is for Broad Acres at U of Md at college Park from 930-1:00 pm for 3 sessions speaking with 20 fourth and 5th grade students for their Career Day event at UMD.
- The event will be held at the Robert H. Smith School of Business located at 7621 Mowatt Lane in College Park, MD 20740
- My colleague, Ms. Cynthia Bangali, Partnership Manager, will be the contact person for this event.
- Thanks so much.
 - Gail Woolf - Partnership Manager/Connection Resource Bank



Operations



CapShield 15 (CS15) Interagency Emergency Management Exercise

- CS15 is the week of September 21st
- There has been no confirmation on location or exact dates yet.
- Capital Shield is an interagency emergency management exercise working with and among subordinate units, service components, and local and Federal inter-agency mission partners.



Human Resources Update



Human Resources Update

- We are successfully utilizing CERVIS
- A few minor modifications to our processes have been introduced due to the NCI training and Storm Camp
 - These are good modifications associated to new members
- If you need to make a fingerprinting/badging appointment, please email Denise Gilmore at HR@montgomerycert.org



RAPID Psychological First Aid Training

- Johns Hopkins RAPID - PFA is a 6-hour, interactive, face-to-face training that provides non-mental health professionals with the concepts and skills associated with PFA
 - THURSDAY, MAY 15th: Holiday Inn Solomon's Hotel & Conference Center
 - THURSDAY, MAY 22nd: Hilton Baltimore BWI Hotel
- For additional information on the event, visit the Events Calendar at <http://www.jhsph.edu/>.
- Registration is free-of-charge, but required. Space is limited, so register early.



Social Media Update



Where to Find Us on Social Media

- **Search for us by name:**

- Facebook - Montgomery County CERT
- Pinterest - Montgomery County CERT
- Group Facebook Page - Montgomery County (MD) CERT
- Twitter - MontCoCERT

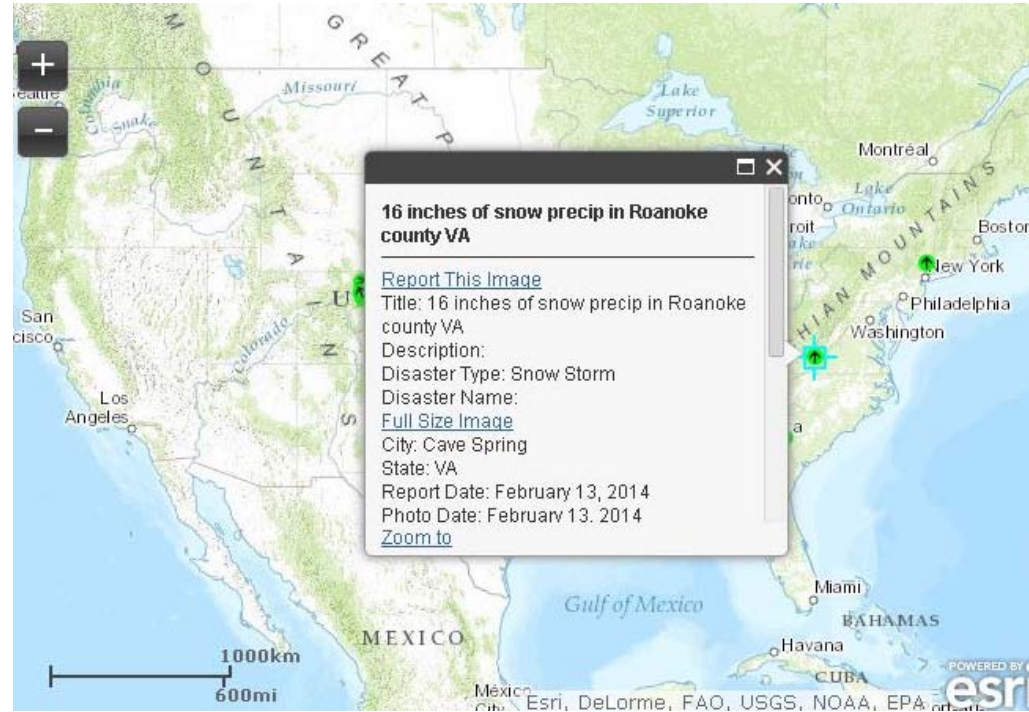


- **By url:**

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MontCoCERT>
- Pinterest - <http://www.pinterest.com/MontCoCERT/>
- Group Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/63673377911/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MontCoCERT>



Potential Initiative: FEMA Disaster Reporter App





Information Technology Update



Volunteer Management Software - CERVIS

- Results of testing the sign-in feature on laptops/iPads have produced positive results
 - One minor issue - Requirement for members to register for events IN ADVANCE
- Training offered next month
- **Have you logged in?**



CERVIS Report

- August 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014
 - 171 members have volunteered for 46 different events:
 - Operations-related events (SITREPs); Training (Instructors); Outreach (presentations); and general & steering committee meetings
 - We have logged 2,894 volunteer hours!
- We have experienced nine storms where we have collected SITREPs:
 - Eight snow storms and one EF-0 tornado
- Note: August 2013 is when we formally adopted CERVIS into our environment



Website Makeover Continuing

- We are working to upload forms and other CERT resources to the website (e.g., indemnification form/evaluation form)
- Website will become your central go-to source for CERT information
- An MCCERT Members Tab has been added
 - Hint: This where you 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
- Thank you Jay KapLon and Katelyn Keegan
- Media tab updated with our interview with County Cable Montgomery



General Announcements



MCFRS Recognition

- MCFRS PIO, Pete Piringer, visited with Steering Committee members during the April Steering Committee meeting
- Pete shared this photo on his Twitter feed where he has 1,300+ followers



Pete Piringer @mcfrsPIO · 12h

MoCo CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) @mcfrs Steering Committee meets at Public Safety HQ in Gaithersburg pic.twitter.com/qQjOgkwJB



RETWEETS

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FAVORITES

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1:15 PM - 7 Apr 2014 · Details

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Conference(s) Recognition

- May 12 – 14, 2014
- Location is the Washington Convention Center
- Our application to speak was accepted
- We will be presenting on the topic of *“A Role for CERT in Social Media Monitoring”*
- We are awaiting further guidance on length of presentation, etc.



Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Conference

- We will be presenting at the APCO Conference in New Orleans on August 6th
- Our submission was titled, “Social Media Monitoring during Emergencies - A Role for CERT”



Chief Innovation Office of Montgomery County

- Temporarily slowed down with Dan Hoffman following our initial collaboration
 - There is currently another initiative underway that has priority at this moment
- If/when we do partner, we will seek to
 - leverage data aggregation tools, as well as tools that can track metrics
 - develop social media training
 - we participated in their #opendataMC initiative



County Cable Television

- Montgomery County CERT was interviewed
- Aired the week of March 10th
- Bottom Line Episode #31



Public Safety Committee

- March 13th
- CERT Leadership presented to Phil Andrews and other members of the Public Safety Committee on CERT
- Well received and engaging conversations and questions from the councilmembers



Training Update



CPR Friends and Family Training

- May 15th
- 6:30pm – 9:30pm
- Please log in to CERVIS to register
- Any questions please contact CERT Program Manager, Greg St. James (greg.st.james@montgomerycountymd.org)



April/ May CERT Class

- Started Wed April 9th
- Wed/Sat combination
- No classes during Montgomery County schools Spring Break
- Still time to join class
- Need volunteers for mock victims Practical May 17th!!



National Cancer Institute (NCI) Training

- Completed NCI CERT class – March
- Business- Daytime class
- Thanks to instructors Cynthia Halota, David Steele, Georgianne Mitchell, Jeff Alderdice, Kathee Henning and Greg St. James
- Thanks to David and Denise for the moulage and Ken Ow for logistics support
- Excited about future opportunities to teach another session at NCI, perhaps in the fall or next winter



June Business CERT Class

- Greg is currently with the Choice Hotels to find a daytime CERT class in June on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Instructors - contact Kathee with availability



America's PrepareAthon

- April 30th
 - America's PrepareAthon! campaign aims to support Presidential Policy Directive PPD8 National Preparedness
 - This is both an outreach and training effort
 - Aimed at increasing emergency and disaster preparedness at the grassroots level
 - Our submissions:
 - CERT class, Storm Camp, SITREPs, social media monitoring, May 8th exercise, WMATA training



WMATA Metro Citizen Corps Training

SOLD OUT

- Date: April 3rd and 10th, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- The training was held next to the Shady Grove Metro station.
- Completing this training allows members to attend the Annual CERT WMATA Drill to be held next year
- Exercise in June



Annual CERT WMATA Drill

IT IS SOLD OUT

- Date: June 14th, 9:00am to 12:00pm
- Will be training in a mock-up of a Metro tunnel complete with a two-car train, third-rail, and evacuation catwalk (plus a lot of special effect smoke and fire)
- Metro is strictly enforcing personal protective equipment requirements for personnel entering the roadway (proper foot wear)
- Please wear your uniform shirt (blue or tan)



Citizen Corps Council

- Held a meeting and Active Shooter training at the Rockville City library
- Montgomery County CERT representatives were in attendance



Parkplex Exercise

- Originally scheduled for March; however, had to be rescheduled to May 8th
- Exercise will be held in the Germantown location
- Need help with moulage



MEMA Conference

- Maryland Emergency Management Association, in partnership with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency annual conference
- Tuesday – Friday -- May 27-May 30th
- Ocean City, MD



Storm Camp

- Storm Camp Volunteers Needed!!
- May 10th Storm Camp
- Latter Day Saints site in Germantown



STORM CAMP





Severe Storm Awareness

- April is national Severe Storm Awareness month
- **What is a thunderstorm?** - A storm with lightning and thunder, produced by cumulonimbus cloud, with gusty winds, heavy rain and sometimes hail.
- **Severe thunderstorm watch** - A severe thunderstorm (damaging winds of 58 miles per hour or more, or 1" hail in diameter or greater) is likely to develop in your area.



Thunderstorms, Lightning, Hail

- **When are thunderstorms most likely to occur?**
year-round and at all hours, but most likely spring and summer months 3-10pm.
- Seek shelter—do not go under trees or poles that can serve as “lightning rods”



Tornado—Lightning are Killers

- Lightning kills and injures more people each year than hurricanes or tornadoes--between 75 to 100 people.

2001- Remember College Park tornado that killed 2 sisters



Hurricane Season

- Hurricane Season is June 1st-
Nov 30th
- Most active months in mid-Atlantic is late August and early September



Pet Preparedness

- First week in May is kickoff for National Pet Preparedness month
- Speakers- Joan Willoughby, Anne Culver, Georgianne Mitchell, Tim Bradley, Tricia Laut, Kathee Henning speakers this month
- Pet Preparedness, Planning, Disaster Response in Montgomery County (CART) and nationally, and Pet go-bags, new FEMA toolkit



September Events

- National Preparedness Month
- CERTCON 2014
- CapShield 15
- New CERT class begins



Next General Meeting

- Please join us again at the next general meeting on May 8th