



CERT NEWS



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Information for Manchester, MO CERT members

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To: Manchester CERT Team members

Date: April 28, 2005 **Time:** 7:00 PM

WHILE YOU WERE OUT:

M: CERT Central Headquarters

of : Manchester, MO

Telephoned Please call

Called to see you Will call again

Called a meeting

Message: Dottie opened the meeting by introducing the Citizen Corps. The theme of the meeting was "Chain of Command – Are You a Link or a Kink?" A table top exercise involving multiple tornadoes hitting several schools in the area was presented requiring CERT graduates to put their training skills and expertise to work. Susan DeWitt initiated a brainstorming session to determine the necessary characteristics of a good sector leader and to understand the difference between a Sector Leader and a Field Leader. A "Sector Leader" is a support person in the chain of command guiding his team while a "Field Leader" is usually the first person to arrive at the scene of a disaster ready to designate responsibility. A good Sector Leader must be responsible for keeping up with his team members, handing down information as well as funneling knowledge, concerns, issues and suggestions in both directions while maintaining the chain of command. A discussion regarding different ways of reaching out to inform the neighborhoods and local businesses was also held. Various methods discussed were distribution of brochures at picnics and bunko parties as well as letters to local neighborhood boards. CERT T-shirts were handed out and will be available at the next meeting – you must attend a meeting in order to get your shirts. A big thanks to all of you who handed in your surveys. It's not too late to turn yours in, we will be accepting them at the next meeting. We will have additional copies available if you need one. Reminder: We would like to involve area businesses, so if you have a relationship with a particular business in the area, please list it on your survey.

Until next time - WE MISSED YOU!

From the Top

FEMA Director Warns Of Spring Season Tornadoes, Tells Residents To Prepare Now

WASHINGTON, D.C -- Today, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Director Michael D. Brown told residents in tornado-prone areas across the United States to begin preparing for the severe weather that often comes with the spring season.

"As the spring season approaches, it is important for residents in tornado-prone areas to plan now for how they will respond when disaster strikes. Taking time now to think ahead about what to do in the event of a tornado can help reduce the risk to your life, your home and your family," Brown said.

Tornadoes routinely wreck havoc every spring – tearing through towns, ripping off roofs, smashing houses, uprooting trees, flattening whole neighborhoods – and causing injuries and even deaths. The United States has the highest occurrence of tornadoes of any nation in the world. During an average year, over 1,000 tornadoes occur across the country.

When a tornado is coming, you have only a short amount of time to make life-or-death decisions.

Advance planning and quick response are the keys to surviving a tornado:

Conduct tornado drills each tornado season. Designate an area in the home as a shelter and practice having everyone in the family go there in response to a tornado threat.

Have disaster supplies on hand -

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

Develop an emergency communication plan - In case family members are separated from one another during a tornado (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.

Tornado Watches and Warnings:

A tornado watch is issued by the National Weather Service when tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. This is the time to remind family

members where the safest places within your home are located, and listen to the radio or television for further developments.

A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar.
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Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

The Federal Emergency Management Agency web page contains information about the FEMA organization and can be an excellent resource. Training opportunities, FEMA for kids and information for businesses are just some of the numerous topics covered.

Feel free to use the FEMA web page for research and general information. In the Virtual Library and Electronic Reading Room you can learn about different types of disasters, disaster planning and preparation, view photos, maps and more.

Meet the CERT member:



Meet Tina. She is a graduate of the 2003 CERT Training class and has been a resident of Dauphine Lane in Sector 1 for the last four years. In the past, Tina has taught computer classes to senior citizens

for the Pattonville School District and is currently working to update her certifications for MEMSA (Missouri EMS Association). She is presently employed as a programmer analyst when she is not solving computer related issues for her family, friends or neighbors.

"I joined the CERT program to become more involved with the community. I think that CERT is a practical approach to emergency situations utilizing area residents and with my medical training, I thought I could become a resource. I have very much enjoyed being a part of the Manchester CERT program, learning new skills and meeting new people. I was recently 'volunteered' to be editor of the new CERT newsletter – that's the last meeting I'll ever miss!"

CERT Calendar/Upcoming Events:

Sector 1 held a "Meet your Manchester Citizen Corps & Neighborhood CERT Team" picnic on Sunday, May 22nd at the Pierremont Pocket Park. The event was hosted by Susan and Tina and resulted in two potential recruits for the next class. They were joined by Lt. Bob Fritschle, who stopped by to explain the benefits of the Citizen Corps and the CERT program to their neighbors.

Mark your calendars: The next CERT meeting will be held on **June 21st at 7:00 PM** in the City Hall. The topic for the evening will be "Earthquakes, Far and Wide – Are You Prepared?"

 **Do you have a NEXTEL phone or plan to get one in the near future? Please let your Sector Leader know.**

Did you know?



Fire requires the presence of three elements. If any of the elements -- heat, oxygen, or fuel -- is removed there will be no fire.

QUIZ Question:

What fire extinguisher can be used effectively on Class A, B, and C fires.

- A. Halon
- B. Carbon Dioxide
- C. Water
- D. Dry Chemical

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Across

1. Last step in the fire extinguisher pneumatic, PASS
2. That hangy ball thing in the back of your throat
3. Type of cell phone that can be used as a walkie talkie
4. Second step in the fire extinguisher pneumatic, PASS
5. The most common airway obstruction

Down

6. First step in the fire extinguisher pneumatic, PASS
7. Third step in the fire extinguisher pneumatic, PASS
8. _____ Pulmonary Resuscitation
9. French word meaning "to sort".

Answers to crossword:

Across: sweep, uvula, Nextel, aim, tongue, **Down:** pull, squeeze, cardio, triage

Answer to quiz question:

Letter 'D', Multi Purpose Dry Chemical is the correct answer

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