

Brecksville- Broadview Hts. CERT Updater

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Important Dates at a Glance

Wednesday Sept. 16th 7pm
Brecksville Community Center
General Meeting - Topic
Modified IS100

Saturdays September 19th
& 26th Fall FEMA Training
Class 9-12:30pm

Wednesday Oct. 21st 7pm
Brecksville Community Center
General Meeting - Topic
Water Rescue

Oct. 27th, 29th, 31st
Brecksville Community Center
Shelter Training by American
Red Cross. See details on
Website

Wednesday Nov. 18th 7pm
Brecksville Community Center
General Meeting & Holiday
Social

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July General Meeting Radio Communications Review

The following items were discussed concerning radio communication:

- Several organizations (ARES and NTS) were responsible for starting the citizen component of radio communication in the form of short wave radio in 1935 and 1949.
- Amateur radio is a great hobby. Knowing Morris Code is no longer necessary. If you are interested in getting an amateur radio license go to the web site: www.2cars.org
- The system that we use in CERT is considered a “family radio system” and only works for short distances.
- Radios have limited range and do not always work inside buildings
- The purpose of radio communication is to exchange information such as coordinating activities between Incident Command and the field.
- Net Control is the central communication hub during an event.
- Always perform a radio check before leaving the staging area.
- Communicate back to Net Control if you are having distance limitations or battery problems.
- Listening is the most important skill when using the radios.
- Efficient and timely communication is important.
- Use professional language, no horseplay.
- Remember, information transmitted over the radio is not private; anyone can hear your conversation.
- Before talking into the radio listen for open air then ask “Net Control, permission to pass traffic”.
- When communicating on the radio be brief and to the point, think before speaking and speak clearly.
- If you have an emergency to report and the airways are not clear, use the word “Break” to ask for permission to break into a conversation.
- Keep the radio batteries warm to help prolong their life.
- Acknowledge the receipt of all messages and listen before you speak.
- Do not use “over and out”, swear or shout into the radio.
- Do not mishandle the radios; always keep track of your radio so that it does not get lost.

The Broadview Heights radios are kept at the Wallings Road fire station (station #1). The Brecksville radios are in the CERT locker. Both sets of radios are always charging.

Instructions for how to use the Motorola Talk-About radio were reviewed. Teams of five were formed and a radio drill was practiced.

There's a new Chief in town!



Broadview Heights Fire Chief Hajek!

On July 31st at 12pm Chief Lee Ippolito retired as the Fire Chief, and at 12:01 Chief “Duffy” Hajek was sworn in by Mayor Sam Ali. There will be a formal swearing in at Broadview Council Chambers August 17th at 7:30pm., all are welcome to attend.

Upcoming FEMA Training Classes

Classes will be held on
Saturday September 19th
and 26th at the
Brecksville Fire
Department from 9am-
12:30pm. Please
register online at
www.bbhcet.org



Upcoming Citizen Corp Training Events & Opportunities

Good news for the Cuyahoga County Citizen Corps. We have been named one of four finalists for the National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards.

Our Citizen Corp has a large variety of training opportunities open to all Citizen Corp Members. We have listed some highlights below, but full listing, and flyers are available on our website www.bbhcert.org.

SHELTER TRAINING

The American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Emergency Management have collaborated to present The American Red Cross Series of disaster training courses. The purpose of the Series is to provide Citizen Corps volunteers with the knowledge and skills they will need to assist the American Red Cross in providing mass care and shelter services to individuals who have been affected by disasters in their communities. The complete schedule of the classes will be available on our website www.bbhcert.org. We will be hosting the 4 classes at the Brecksville Community Center on October 27, 29 and 31. There are only 20 spots per class so please register directly with Debbie Chitester of the American Red Cross at 216-361-5832.

NDMS Training (National Disaster Medical System) General Training is available at the Brecksville VA. The full scale NDMS Exercise is Saturday October 24th at Burke Lakefront Airport. They need 100 volunteers for the drill. Participants are encouraged to attend the trainings.

Cleveland Airport Mass Casualty Exercise

This drill is being held on Saturday September 12th. Full information is available on our website. They are in need of at least 50 victims for the event. Those that participated in the past learned a lot and had a great experience.

TRANCARER Whistle Stop Tour!

This tour is designed to increase the community understanding of the importance of emergency planning, and to provide local emergency response groups an opportunity to receive some hands on training. Demonstrations and presentation will be focused on rail, truck, and chemical specific information. The Cleveland session will be Wednesday September 23rd from 9-3pm at East 55th Steel Yard.

ARC Human and Pet First Aid Classes

The American Red Cross will be offering Human and Pet First Aid Classes throughout the fall at various county locations. A full listing of offerings will be available on the website once it is finalized. We are hosting a Pet First Aid class on Dec 16th at the Brecksville Community Center. Registration will be through the American Red Cross. Space is limited on all classes so please register early if you are interested.

This summer, President Obama is calling on Americans to participate in our nation's recovery and renewal by volunteering in our local communities. To encourage individuals to volunteer and develop their own "do-it-yourself" projects that can help prepare communities for disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Citizen Corps have teamed up with the Corporation for National and Community Service to provide a Community Preparedness Toolkit on Serve.gov.

Research conducted by FEMA on disaster preparedness shows that many people who believe themselves "prepared" for disasters often aren't as prepared as they think. Our nation's emergency managers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, EMT/paramedics, and other emergency responders do an incredible job of keeping us safe, but they can't do it alone. We must all embrace our individual responsibility to be prepared, as well as assist our family and friends.

This new Community Preparedness Toolkit helps citizens create a service project to prepare their family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues for disasters in their local community. For more information and to download the toolkit, visit <http://www.serve.gov/toolkits/disaster/>.

Backpack Inventory

An inventory was done of items contained in our backpacks at the June General Meeting. A full list of backpack inventory checklist and replacement dates is available on the CERT website www.bbhcert.org. The inventory includes the following: First Aid Kit, Triage Tags, Hard Hat, Work Gloves, Poncho, Emergency Mylar Blanket, Safety Goggles, Face Dust Mask, Utility Shut off Wrench, Duct Tape, Railroad Chalk, Whistle, Light Stick, Flashlight, Blue Tarp, Note Pad, Permanent Marker, Grease Marker, Masking Tape, and a Disaster Training Book.

Thank You!

The Board would like to recognize all of the CERT members and their families that helped with the Brecksville Home Days Booth and Fireworks Patrol.

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