



## About Us.

Welcome to the CERT Association of Illinois first Newsletter. CERT Association of Illinois is a new group that has been formed to unite the sharing of information across CERT groups and interested community members located in Illinois. This has been established for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) teams located throughout Illinois. However, CERT teams from other regions and community members with an interest in emergency preparedness are welcome to join us. We hope to share team activities, training events, emergency preparedness tips, and other information useful to similar groups and interested community or family members. **If interested contact Dan Martin, 815-462-6493, [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net)**



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## Membership

### *Welcome New Members!!*

**Alsip-area** residents were recruited to be emergency responders as part of new CERT team in Alsip. **Charles “Chuck” Geraci**, Alsip’s emergency preparedness director, started the program with support from **New Lenox** and other nearby communities with existing CERT programs.

Area residents respond, on **October 3, 2018**, to a mock emergency recently as a final exam of sorts before finishing their training to be part of the village's newly formed Community Emergency Response Team.



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## Membership

### ***Welcome New Members!!***

Welcome **Plainfield CERT!** Plainfield CERT was started in 2005 and currently has trained about 200 members with about 50 currently active members on the roster.

Plainfield CERT members have helped the community during past flooding events, have participated in missing person searches, and helped in setting up winter storm sheltering.

#### **Plainfield Community Emergency Response Team**

[www.plainfieldcert.org](http://www.plainfieldcert.org)



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### *Member Highlight.*

Meet **Jane CERT** from **Park Ridge**! Jane has completed a boatload of training. Participated in a boatload of events, and started a boatload of community endeavors resulting in a boatload of positive outcomes. For more on Jane and **Park Ridge CERT** take a look at their Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/ParkRidgeCERT/>



## CONGRATULATIONS JANE!!!



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# Current Members

|   |  |
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| Addison Police Department   | Monroe County Emergency Management Agency    |
| Berwyn Fire Department  | Mount Prospect Fire Department               |
| Buffalo Grove Fire Department                                     | Mundelein Fire Department                    |
| City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications | Naperville Fire Department                   |
| Cumberland County   | North Aurora Police Department               |
| Elgin Police Department   | Northbrook Fire Department                   |
| Fremont Township  | Ottowa                                       |
| Hanover Township Emergency Services                               | Park Ridge Police Department                 |
| Highland Park Police Department                                   | Rock Island County                           |
| Huntley Police Department   | Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency |
| Jersey County   | Serve Illinois Commission                    |
| Libertyville Fire Department                                      | South Lake County Regional CERT              |
| Long Grove Fire Protection District                               | Village of Alsip                             |
| Madison County  | Village of Monee                             |
| Madison County Emergency Management                               | Village of New Lenox                         |
| McDonough County ESDA   | Village of Oak Park                          |
| Milton Township   | West Chicago Police Department               |

## Training

### *Past Training*

- Westmont, March 2019, conducted a CERT Train-the Trainer class.
- Mount Prospect, May 2019, conducted a CERT TtT classes.



### *Congratulations Westmont & Mount Prospect CERT TtT graduates!!*

Jote Bhatl, Fremont  
Souna Naqvi, Milton Township  
Victoria Pham, Addison  
Edgar Rodriguez, McDonough County  
Christopher Thunherst, Joliet Junior College  
Terri Van Bladel, Round Lake Beach CERT  
Cynthia Motzny, Orland Park  
Lee Zimmerman, Wauconda

Matthew Ladniak, City of Chicago  
Jeff Tietz, Harlem-Roscoe  
Danato Giuseffi, Huntley  
Shelley Isreal, Granite City  
Dan Jones, Palatine  
Amy Malina, Berwyn  
Jim Miller, Mount Prospect

## Training

### *Past Training*

- **PATIENT PACKAGING AND LOW ANGLE RESCUE – JUNE 18, 2019.**  
At 7:00pm on Tuesday June 18, 2019 sixteen members of **New Lenox SAR** met in Pilcher Park for monthly training. Several members had arrived 60-90 minutes earlier to set-up the training for patient packaging and low angle rescue.
- **CERT GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING – JUNE 27, 2019** At 6:15pm a Nixle text message was sent to **New Lenox CERT** members advising them that training was going to be held at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 S. Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL By 7:00pm, there were a total of 44 team members assembled in the designated staging area. Sixteen **New Lenox Search and Rescue Team** Members also participated in this exercise and were divided into four search teams.
- **Alsip CERT** conducted Traffic Control (Hand Signals) Training held on Wednesday, **June 19, 2019** instructed by **Alsip Police Officer Justin Reilly**.



## Training

### *Past Training*

#### **NEW LENOX CERT DISASTER EXERCISE – JULY 23, 2019**

At 1:00pm on Tuesday July 23, 2019 **Patrick Hardin from MABAS** (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), arrived at the old New Lenox Public Works Facility, 907 Country Creek Drive, with three large crates of training mannequins.

It took approximately two hours for the mannequins to be placed, tagged (medical condition for teams to read and triage), and photographed.

Shortly after 6:00pm team members from **New Lenox, Alsip, Addison, Northbrook, and Round Lake Beach** arrived and signed-in at registration/check-in. By 7:00pm, approximately 70 people were on scene and ready to participate in the exercise.





## Training

### *Past Training*

#### **NEW LENOX CERT DISASTER EXERCISE – JULY 23, 2019 (Cont.)**

Within minutes of the commencement of the exercise, teams began to locate victims who were triaged accordingly. A treatment area was established with red tarps (Immediate), yellow tarps (Delayed) and green tarps (Minor).



In addition to placing the mannequins, a cribbing station was designed, which included placing a mannequin under an old police car and a fire suppression station was designed in the middle of the yard near some debris.



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## Training

### ***Future Training***

- **Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019** - North **Aurora** is hosting IEMAs *Volunteer and Donation Management* at the North Aurora PD. If anyone is interested, they can contact Beth at [brdrendel@gmail.com](mailto:brdrendel@gmail.com)
- **TBD, 2019 - Mount Prospect** is currently working on scheduling two more *CERT TtT* in 2019, so stay tuned.
- **CERT Training – Carl Stream Fire Protection District Headquarters. October 3, 2019 through December 5, 2019.** The address is 365 North Kuhn Road in Carol Stream. Classes are held every Thursday evening from 6:00pm - 9:30pm. The classes are FREE and a snack will be provided. Any questions **please contact Officer Tom Eby at (630) 871-6201 or email [teby@carolstream.org](mailto:teby@carolstream.org)**

For more information please click on the link below:

<https://www.carolstream.org/departments/police-department/police-programs-and-services/community-emergency-response-team>

To register please click on the link below:

<https://carolstream.seamlessdocs.com/f/CERT2019>





## Training

### ***Future Training***

- **Free online courses on the FEMA website!!**

#### **IS-317: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams**

##### **Course Overview**

"Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)," IS-317, is an independent study course that serves as an introduction to CERT for those interested in completing the basic CERT training or as a refresher for current team members. The course includes six modules: CERT Basics, Fire Safety, Hazardous Material and Terrorist Incidents, Disaster Medical Operations, and Search and Rescue, and Course Summary.

While IS-317 is useful as a primer or refresher for CERT training, it is not equivalent to, and cannot be used in place of, the classroom delivery of the CERT Basic Training. To become a CERT volunteer, one must complete the classroom training offered by a local government agency such as the emergency management agency, fire or police department.

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317>

- **Plainfield is conducting their 16<sup>th</sup> CERT class starting in September.**

**When:** Information Night/Sign-up 7:00 PM, Tuesday August 27th.

First Class held Sept 3rd , Tuesday, 7-9pm

Classes held on Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm

(Sept 3rd through Oct 15th)

**Where:** Plainfield Police Law Enforcement Center

14300 S. Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544

**Contact:** Mike Procaccio for information [mprocaccio@plainfieldema.org](mailto:mprocaccio@plainfieldema.org)

## Events



### Past Events

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – New Lenox, August 6, 2019** - Twenty-six members of New Lenox CERT volunteered in assisting in the Concession Stand, inflatable rides, and managed a CERT Information Table.



National Night Out started at 6:00pm and included inflatables, food, informational tables, a musician, touch-a-truck type area and the HERO “Hidden in Plain Sight” trailer. Families with young children parked all around the Commons to attend the event, which remained busy until 8:00pm. Our CERT volunteers did a great job in each of their respective areas and were able to enjoy the event as well.



The event ended with some families going home with some great raffle prizes like bicycles and televisions. CERT volunteers checked out shortly after 8:00pm and were thanked for their time and efforts. Great job and special thanks to our volunteers that assisted at this year’s event!



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“HOOWWLING”  
good time!

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#### SPECIAL NEEDS DAY AT PROUD AMERICAN DAYS – New Lenox, July 26, 2019 –

At 10:30am on Friday July 26, 2019 twenty-five **New Lenox CERT** members met with **Lynn Eckhardt from the New Lenox Lions** and was provided with a briefing regarding Special Needs Day.

Everyone then headed over to the drop-off area and began assisting special needs clients and their caretakers as they pulled-up in buses and vans. Our CERT members did an excellent job with clients in wheel chairs, walkers, and with those who had difficulty walking.



Thanks to everyone who helped with Special Needs Day – it was awesome!

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### *Future Events*

**September 21, 2019, Cook County Department of Public Health Oak Forest Health Center in Oak Forest** - The 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge (PSCC) is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Cook County Department of Public Health Oak Forest Health Center in Oak Forest.

The Planning Team would like to encourage CERT teams in Illinois to participate in this year's response mode Challenge. Registration details will be coming in the next several weeks but anticipate that there will be a max of 14 teams we can host. As program managers, you should begin to recruit and assemble your team awaiting the registration process. There will be a max of 14 people per team and as in the past, you will be advised as to how many will be able to participate per station.

We have a need for station designers for the Disaster Psychology and Transport stations. Please e-mail the event Operations Section Chief, **Dan Martin** at [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net) if you have an interest in helping in that regard or have a suggestion on someone that would be good for this role.

At a later date, we will also release information about the need for volunteers. We know we will need a lot of volunteers to help at the event such as station evaluators, team ambassadors, victims, etc. Programs will be asked to encourage their members to volunteer at the event, and to help us recruit for other volunteers. It's a very rewarding experience!

We're looking forward to seeing CERT Teams and members at this year's PSCC!

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North Region info TBD

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Central Region info TBD



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South Region info TBD





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**WHAT CERT CAN DO:**

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|  <p><b>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMUNITY CHECKS</b><br/>Make sure family members and neighbors are safe and well following disasters.</p>      |  <p><b>TRAFFIC &amp; CROWD MANAGEMENT</b><br/>Control the flow of people during small power outages or large-scale concerts or sporting events.</p> |
|  <p><b>EMERGENCY OPS CENTER STAFFING</b><br/>Staff emergency operations centers to help organize and coordinate the response effort.</p> |  <p><b>PUBLIC INFORMATION</b><br/>Inform communities how to prepare and explain resources out there to help in case of emergency.</p>               |

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