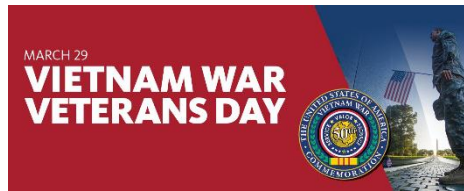




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Addison Police Department	Milton Township
Alsip CERT	Monroe County Emergency Management Agency
Beecher Police Department	Mount Prospect Fire Department
Berwyn Fire Department	Mundelein Fire Department
Buffalo Grove CERT	Naperville CERT
Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency	Naperville Fire Department
Carol Stream CERT	Niles Police Department
Carol Stream Police Department	North Aurora Police Department
Chicago CERT	Northbrook CERT
Chicago Police Department - 12th District Community Policing Office	Northbrook Fire Department
City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications	Palos Park Police Department
Collinsville Emergency Management Agency	Park Ridge Police Department
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security	Plainfield CERT
Cumberland County Health Department	Plainfield Police Department
Harlem Roscoe Fire Department (Illinois Stateline CERT)	Rock Island County
Highland Park CERT	Round Lake Beach Emergency Management Agency
Highland Park Police Department	Serve Illinois Commission
Huntley CERT	Sherman Emergency Management Agency
Huntley Police Department	SLCR CERT
Illinois Department of Public Health	South Lake County CERT
Jersey County	South Lake County Regional CERT
Kendall County Emergency Management Agency	St. Clair County Citizen
Lake County	Stateline CERT
LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency	Tinley Park Emergency Management Agency
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
McHenry County EMA	Wauconda Emergency Management Agency
Milton Township CERT	West Chicago Police Department
	Westmont Fire Department



## Membership



### *Calling all CERT volunteers!!*

The CERT Association of Illinois ranks are growing! We now have 113 members spanning 65 jurisdictions. This is fantastic.... but we want more!



The Association now has **Marketing Committee** that can perform outreach throughout the State. **Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT and Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)** are now performing those outreach endeavors. If interested in joining the Marketing Committee and helping Gary and Phillip, please contact us using the link below to express your interest.

[il.cert.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:il.cert.assoc@gmail.com)



As mentioned at the 5/26 Regular Member Meeting, the Interim Board has updated the **Member Application on the CERT Association website** with additional information. This will allow us to have a more robust profile of our members that reflect not only basic contact and skills information but also information on each CERT Team's Lead Contact, a member's CERT Certification, any CERT related Social Media sites that might be shared, and any affiliation with organized Emergency Management Services.

**Please fill out and send the application as soon as possible. Follow this link for the application.**

<https://www.certillinois.com/become-a-member/>

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The Los Angeles City Fire Department is saddened to share the news today, April 9, 2021, of the passing of true icon in the field of emergency management, **Assistant Chief (Retired) Frank W. Borden**.

In the world of emergency management, Frank Borden is legendary.



In 1986, using information gathered by visiting both Japan and Mexico to studying their response to disastrous earthquakes, Frank launched the LAFD's pilot program "Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)". Community members were taught basic fire suppression, first aid and search/evacuation techniques. Just a year later, the value of CERT was demonstrated with the effectiveness of its members after the Whittier Narrows Earthquake. Seven years later, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established it as the national standard, bringing this life-saving training and operation to cities throughout the country.

Frank was known as the "Father of CERT" but his legacy reaches so much further.



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### Member Highlight

April 2021, Village of Alsip CERT

The Mayor's office would like to thank everyone who came out, in the wonderful weather, to help clean up Alsip. We had an amazing turn out and picked up a lot of garbage. We had CERT team, State Farm on Pulaski, students from Shepard including, Leo club and NHS.



Also helping in the effort was Guild House from Blue Island, Incoming Clerk Renee Harding and her kids, incoming Trustee Dave Perretta and wife Kathy, Bill Love and his daughter and countless residents who donated their time to help Alsip look good!!!! Thank you to all!!!!



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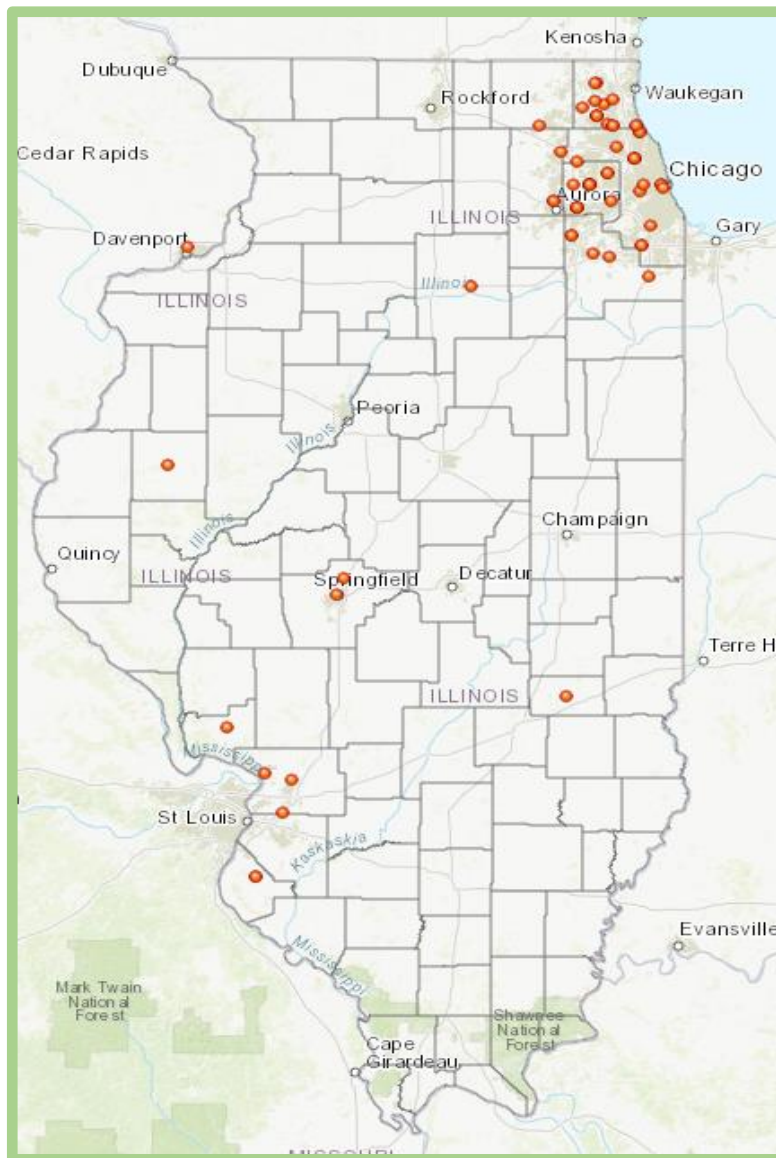
**Illinois CERT teams**, if you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link to the Newsletter Committee:

Kurt Clifford [il.cert.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:il.cert.assoc@gmail.com)

Sheri Drotor [shd@cumberlandhealth.org](mailto:shd@cumberlandhealth.org)

The CERT Association of Illinois is putting together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. We would also like to follow your pages!

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## Training

### CERT Association 2021 Calendar

You can also view this on the Association's website via this link:

[Events – CERT Association of Illinois \(certillinois.com\)](https://www.certillinois.com/Events)

2021 Dates	What	Topic	Location
1/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
1/26	Member Meeting*	Traffic Control & Management	ZOOM
2/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
2/23	Member Meeting*	Disaster Psychology	ZOOM
3/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
3/23	Member Meeting*	Suspicious Package/Bomb Awareness	ZOOM
4/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
4/27	Member Meeting*	Cyber Security & HIPPA Privacy	ZOOM
5/17	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
5/21-22	Training Opportunity	<a href="#">CERT Train-the-Trainer</a>	DuPage Co. Fairgrounds
5/25	Member Meeting*	Animal Care & Control	ZOOM
6/21	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
6/22	Member Meeting*	Incident Command On Scene Management	TBD
7/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
No Meeting	Member Meeting*	Summer Break	NA
7/12-17	Natl CERT Conference	National CERT Conference 2021	Springfield, MO
8/16	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
8/24	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
9/7-10	IEMA Training Summit	TBD-Tentatively Scheduled	Spfld, IL or Virtual
9/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
9/28	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
10/18	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
10/26	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
11/15	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
11/16	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD
12/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
12/14	Member Meeting*	TBD	TBD

## Training

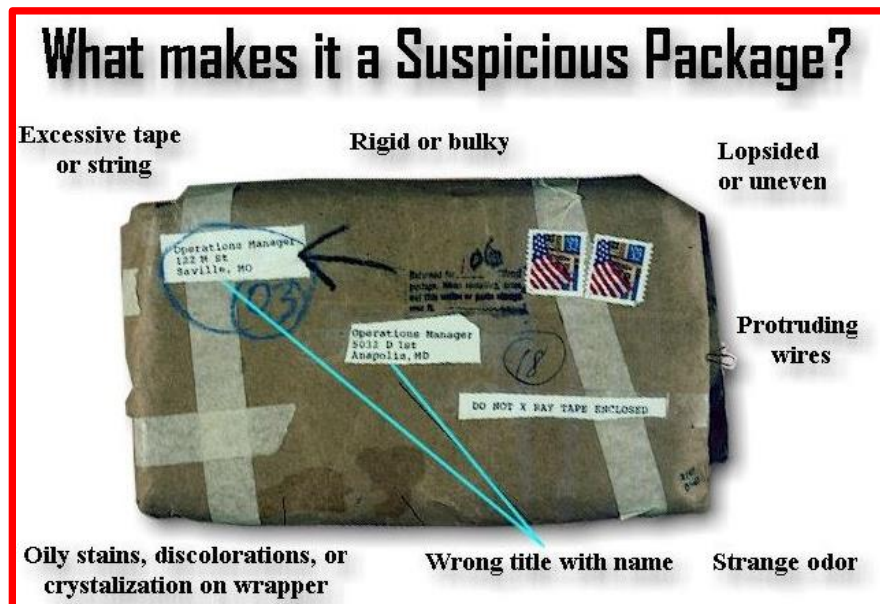
### Past Training

#### CERT Association Monthly Training

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced the following trainings at the March, April, and May CERT Regular Member Meetings.

**March 23, 2021 - Phil Haffron, a TSA Explosive Specialist** that works at O'Hare Airport conducted the following training –

***"Response to Suspicious Behaviors and Items for Bombing Prevention"***



Phil discussed Situational Awareness and how it can help in recognizing these red flags in everyday scenarios.

- Normal behavior and suspicious behavior indicators
- Physical characteristics that can or cannot be easily changed
- Unattended and suspicious items
- Appropriate responses to suspicious behaviors, unattended items, and suspicious items



## Training



## Past Training

# CERT Association Monthly Training

## **April 27, 2021 - Cyber Security and HIPAA Privacy**

## Why HIPAA Needs Cyber Security?

HIPAA Security Rule specifies that Covered Entities need to establish and maintain protections for ePHI. Moreover, protection must defend the organization against breach through any physical, administrative, and technical means. The rule mandates that HIPAA-compliant organizations:

- All the health data sent, stored, received, or produced has strong confidentiality. It means that it can be available only to authorized people to access, change, or remove it. The data should also be always available for authorized individuals.
- Threats to data integrity or security should be predicted whenever possible. Organizations should defend against any information disclosure or use not allowed by HIPAA.
- Verifying that the workforce complies with this law is also a business's responsibility





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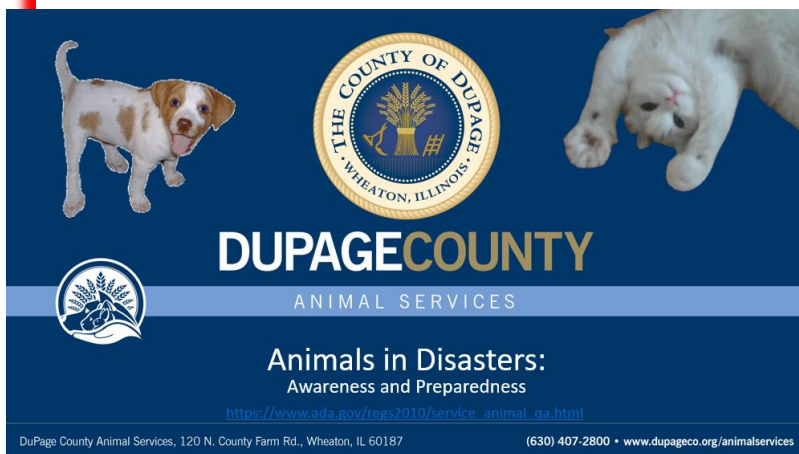
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### *Past Training*

#### CERT Association Monthly Training

**May 25, 2021 – DR. Barbera Hanek of the Dupage County Animal Services** discussed how to manage animals before, during, and after a disaster.

- Develop an emergency management plan
- Act in a safe and responsible way before and during a disaster
- Aid your pet in the disaster recovery process



### TIPS FOR PROTECTING ANIMAL COMPANIONS IN A DISASTER

- Have an animal emergency kit readily available
- Make sure that all of your animals are microchipped and wearing collars or harnesses with current identification
- If you must evacuate, take your animals with you
- Decide on your destination ahead of time
- Never turn animals loose outdoors, and don't tie animals outside or keep them in a vehicle unattended
- If you can't get to your home to evacuate your animals, contact a reliable neighbor or friend to check on them and get them out, if possible



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For more information, please follow these links.

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/pet-disaster-preparedness.html>

<https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness>

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## Events

### *Past Training*

May, 2021, CERT Train-the-Trainer - Wheaton, IL. at DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds.

Thank you to Jim McGuire for letting us use your facility. **Thanks to David Sezonov, Greg Durbin and Randy James for assisting with the class.** — with Jeanine Benecke at DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds.



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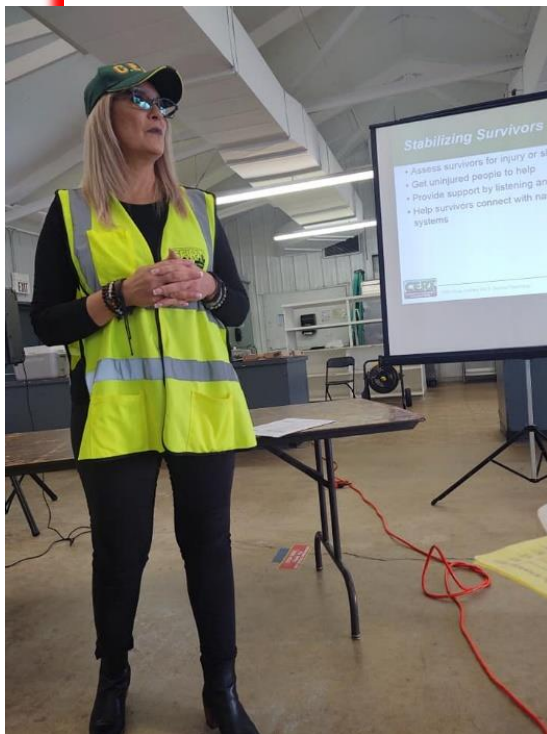
## Training

### ***Past Training (Cont.)***

May, 2021, CERT Train-the-Trainer - Wheaton, IL. at DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds.

Congrats to the instructors and the newly qualified basic CERT class Train the Trainers!  
**Great job!**

Michael R Bonuchi - Kendall County EMA  
Elizabeth Brady - Plainfield EMA  
Rebecca Chamberlain - Village of Oak Park  
Jeanine Moore - Milton Township CERT  
Molly Murray - Chicago CERT  
Patricia Ridings - Alsip CERT



Marc Rubert - Rock Valley College PD  
Michelle Smith - Milton Township CERT  
Kurt Stahl - Rock Valley College PD  
Jerry Watts - Tinley Park Emergency Management  
Ray Mullen - Mundelein CERT  
Jackie Memije - Round Lake Beach EMA



## Training



### *Past Training*

#### March 13, 2021, New Lenox CERT/SAR MULTI-AGENCY SAR TRAINING AT JOLIET ARMY TRAINING CENTER

THIRTEEN members of the **New Lenox Search and Rescue Team** met at the Joliet Army Training Center for the purpose of participating in monthly multi-agency SAR training, led by **Kim Gotte, Section Chief, Search and Rescue, Kendall County Emergency Management Agency**. Along with our team, members of several other SAR teams also met at the training site to participate in the Search Exercise



Everyone agreed that the Joliet Army Training Center is an excellent location to train / search. Special thanks to Kim for putting the exercise together and to Naperville EMA / SAR for bringing out their mobile command center. Also, special thanks to our THIRTEEN team members who came out to participate in the exercise – well done



For more information on **Search and Rescue** involvement please follow this link.

[ISARC - Home \(illinoissar.org\)](http://illinoissar.org)

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## Training

### *Future Training*

#### **Resources for ensuring physical security at COVID-19 vaccine Points of Distribution**

As COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues across the country, threats to physical security could occur at any stage in the vaccine distribution process - at manufacturing sites; during transportation; at clinics, pharmacies and healthcare facilities; and at Points of Distribution, or PODs.

The **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)** has [just released two resources](#) to assist vaccine facility owners and operators and POD managers to prepare for these physical security threats:

- An infographic, [COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Physical Security Measures](#). This resource breaks down vaccine distribution into four stages and provides an at-a-glance overview of physical security threat vectors for each stage, with mitigation measures and links to more in-depth information for each threat vector.
- A [COVID-19 Vaccine Points of Distribution Physical Security Action Guide](#). This resource outlines pre-planning protective measures and mitigation options for threats to physical security at vaccination PODs specifically.



For more information and resources, please visit [Homepage | CISA](#)



## Training

### ***Future Training***

#### **CERT TtT Virtual Course from FEMA's EMI**

The following information has recently been updated, and is now available on <http://training.fema.gov/EMI/>

[1662 - Training Opportunity - K0428 - CERT Train-the-Trainer Pilot Delivery](#)

#### **K0428 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (Virtually Facilitated) Pilot Delivery**

##### **Course Dates:**

June 22–July 1

Course Length: • Total time: 24 hours over 2 weeks, and 4 hours of self-study.

- Class Time: 24 hours (EST)
- June 22 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- June 23 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- June 24 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- June 29 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- June 30 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- July 1 12 p.m.–4 p.m.
- Self-study estimated time (4 hours)



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##### **Course Description:**

This course prepares participants to deliver the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) CERT Basic Training course.

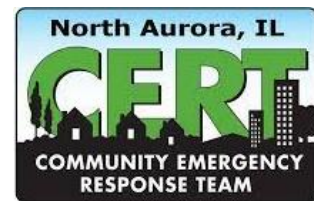
Read more in [Training Opportunity 1662](#).



## Events

### *Past Events*

In recognition of [#InternationalWomensDay](#) today, here are some pics of our women officers and **North Aurora CERT** volunteers in action. Thanks for all of your efforts in our community!



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## Events

### Future Events



The 2021 National CERT Conference committee cannot stress enough the importance we have placed on being vigilant about COVID for the 2021 National CERT Conference. In order to be together, we have set a plan in motion along with the public health guidelines to ensure a safe experience for all. We are hopeful as spring and summer approach we will be able to evaluate our conference health plan and begin to allow for greater interaction of participants.

We are however pleased to be able to say that the conference will still take place this year in Springfield, Mo., 2021 at the OASIS Convention Center. The 2021 National CERT Conference committee has put together a Covid-19 Response Planning Team that is specifically evaluating the spaces, and interactions we will be having this summer. Every effort and guideline are being put into practice.

We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2021 National CERT Conference. Our team is working hard to ensure you have a safe, and enjoyable conference experience. Thank you for all your support and all that you continue to do for your communities. The success we see in all of what your CERT teams do, will make this "A Vision for the Future"

The 2021 National CERT Conference Planning Committee

[2021 National Conference \(nationalcert.org\)](https://nationalcert.org)



## Regional News

### **North**

North Region info TBD

### **Central**

Central Region info TBD

### **South**

South Region info TBD

### ***Board Members (Interim)***

**Balla, Tonya** - Mundelein Fire Department

**Clifford, Kurt** – McHenry County EMA

**Rich Frizelis** – Chicago CERT

**James, Randy** - South Lake County Regional CERT

**Moos, Mike** - Sherman Emergency Management Agency

**Small, Marc** - Long Grove Fire Protection District

**Tubbs, Latesha** - City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications

**Wilson, Rich** – Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency





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### ***Oversight Committees***

**ByLaws – Randy James (SLCC)**

**Training – Rich Frizelis (Chicago CERT)  
Laura Townsend (Northbrook CERT)**



**Web Site – Mike Moos (Sherman Emergency Management Agency)**



**Social Media – Tonya Balla (Mundelein Fire Dept)  
Beth Drendel (North Aurora Police Dept)**

**Newsletter – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)  
Sheri Drotor (Cumberland County Health Dept)**



**Meetings / Agendas – Rich Wilson (Buffalo Grove EMA)**

**Meeting Minutes – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)**

**Membership – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)**

**Geocoding Members - Edgar Rodriguez (McDonough County ESDA)**

**Basecamp for Members – Michelle Hanneken (Serve Illinois)**



**Marketing – Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT)  
Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)**



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