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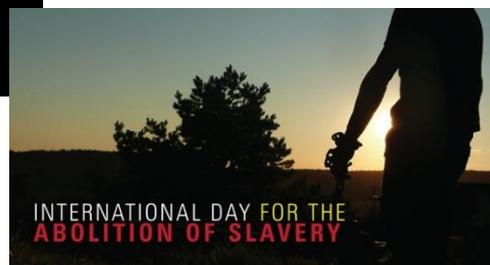
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Addison Police Department	Mundelein Fire Department
Alsip CERT	Naperville CERT
Beecher Police Department	Naperville Fire Department
Berwyn Fire Department	New Lenox CERT
Buffalo Grove CERT	Niles Police Department
Buffalo Grove Emergency Management Agency	North Aurora CERT
Carol Stream CERT	North Aurora Police Department
Carol Stream Police Department	Northbrook CERT
Champaign County EMA	Northbrook Fire Department
Chicago CERT	Oak Park CERT
Chicago Police Department - 12th District Community Policing Office	Palos Park Police Department
City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications	Park Ridge Police Department
Collinsville Emergency Management Agency	Plainfield CERT
Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security	Plainfield Police Department
Crawford County EMA	River Forest CERT
Cumberland County Health Department	Rock Island County
Harlem Roscoe Fire Department (Illinois Stateline CERT)	Round Lake Beach CERT
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	South Lake County CERT
Illinois Department of Public Health	South Lake County Regional CERT
Jersey County	St. Clair County Citizen
Kankakee County CERT	Stateline CERT
Kendall County Emergency Management Agency	Tinley Park Emergency Management Agency
Lake County	Village of Alsip
LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency	Village of Hoffman Estates EMA
Long Grove Fire Protection District	Village of Monee
Madison County	Village of New Lenox
Madison County Emergency Management	Village of Oak Park
McDonough County ESDA	Wauconda Emergency Management Agency
McHenry County EMA	West Chicago CERT
Milton Township CERT	West Chicago Police Department
Monroe County Emergency Management Agency	Westmont Fire Department
Mount Prospect Fire Department	

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Calling all CERT volunteers!!

The CERT Association of Illinois ranks are growing! We now have 163 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.

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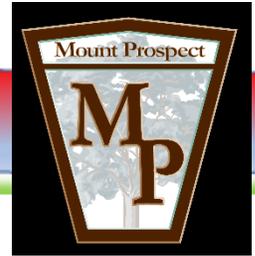
As mentioned at the 8-24-21 Regular Member Meeting, the Interim Board has updated the **Member Application on the CERT Association website** with additional information. This will allow us to have a more robust profile of our members that reflect not only basic contact and skills information but also 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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Membership



Member Highlight

Great Job **Mt. Prospect CERT** getting written up in your local community newsletter. Congrats on over 3,000 hours with 32 members. Good luck at your upcoming 4th of July events - parade and fireworks! Thanks for being a part of your community.

Community Emergency Response Team – CERT

Currently, 32 residents of Mount Prospect are part of the Village's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, collectively donating over 3,000 hours annually to the Village. Established in September 2004, CERT grew out of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Federal Citizen Corps program which provides opportunities for citizens across the country to participate in measures to make their families, their homes, and communities safer from threats and disasters of all kinds.

To be eligible for the CERT program, residents must complete a Citizen Preparedness Training class; classes are offered each October. The team trains a minimum of once a month in addition to specialized training and drills throughout the year. Team members are trained in CPR, first-aid, fire extinguisher use, utility awareness, ground search and rescue (GSAR), incident command, traffic/pedestrian control, radio communications, shelter management, and weather spotting.

When emergency incidents occur, or when large-scale special events are planned in the Village, CERT is called upon to assist with non-critical tasks which free-up police and fire resources to focus on the essential tasks related



to public safety and welfare. The CERT team may assist at a structure fire by finding shelter for the victims or other various rehab efforts. During severe weather, their assistance may be required to provide traffic control for flooding or downed power lines. You may see CERT members assisting at other events such as the Fourth of July parade and fireworks, the 5K run and family bike ride, the Fire Department open house, Downtown Block Party, Celebration of Cultures, and Special Olympics.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a CERT member visit mount-prospect.org/how-do-i/learn-about/emergency-management/be-ready-get-involved or call CERT Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Miller at 847.818.5254.

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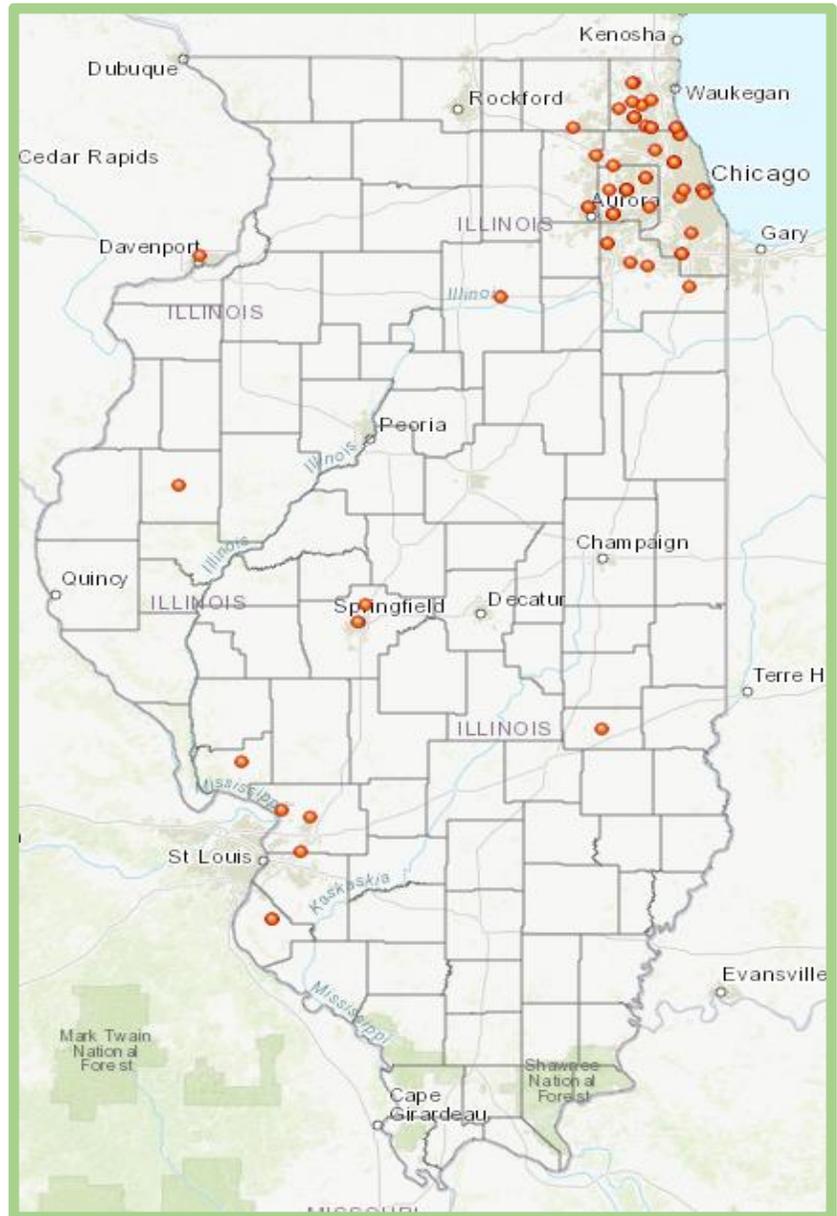
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Illinois CERT teams, The CERT Association of Illinois is putting together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. **We would also like to follow your pages!** If you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link to the Newsletter Committee:

Kurt Clifford il.cert.assoc@gmail.com Sheri Drotor shd@cumberlandhealth.org

Looking for a CERT friend?
Follow the link here to find
out where they're located.

[CERT Members \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)



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Training

2021 CERT Association of Illinois Tentative Calendar

As of 8.10.21

KEY:

	Executive Board Meetings
	Member Meetings
	Of Interest
TBD	To Be Determined

Note: All dates, locations & topics subject to change. Do you know of an activity that our membership would have interest in? If so, send your information to il.cert.assoc@gmail.com. We thank you in advance.

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	CERT Train-the-Trainer	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	ZOOM
7/19	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
No Meeting	Member Meeting*	Summer Break	NA
7/12-17	Natl CERT Conference	http://2021nationalcertconference.com/	Springfield, MO
8/16	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
8/24	Member Meeting*	National CERT Conference Overview	ZOOM
9/7-10	IEMA Training Summit	Cancelled due to COVID	Cancelled
9/20	Executive Bd Mtg*		ZOOM
9/28	Member Meeting*	Medical Emergencies at Running Events	ZOOM
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

** Meetings are held by video conferencing unless notified differently.*

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)

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Training



Future Training

The **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)** offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment. To get a complete listing of courses, view the [list of active courses](#).

[FEMA - Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\) Course | IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident Command System \(ICS\)](#)

Course Overview

This Independent Study (IS) course introduces you to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) relationship to the Incident Command System (ICS), a proven management system used by emergency managers to help maintain the safety of disaster workers, provide clear leadership and organizational structure, and improve the effectiveness of rescue efforts. This program educates any Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program manager, CERT trainer, or emergency responder who may manage and/or coordinate with a CERT about the CERT's potential roles in a disaster or emergency situation.

[FEMA - Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\) Course | IS-317.A: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team \(CERTs\)](#)

Course Overview

This Independent Study (IS) course is an introduction to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for those interested in learning about the CERT program for their own knowledge or as a pre-requisite for completing the CERT Basic classroom training that may be available in your community.

The course includes three lessons: Introduction to CERT; What CERTs Do; and, Becoming Involved.

Training



Future Training

The communities served by CERTs are diverse in the hazards they face and the people who live there, so CERTs are encouraged to have resources that meet their needs. The latest U.S. Census Bureau American Home Survey shows that 25 million individuals were considered limited English proficient in the U.S. CERT Programs must find ways to provide meaningful access to information in languages that represent that community. Take advantage of the free resources we have to help strengthen your CERT.

Once you attract CERT Volunteers, you can help make sure language barriers do not prevent them from taking the necessary training to contribute to the CERT in a meaningful way. One way to ensure this is making the CERT Basic Training Materials more accessible by offering them in multiple languages. When you have [CERT Basic Training Materials in multiple languages](#), you can increase the number of people who can participate in your CERT Program and help their community.



CERT members in leadership positions are encouraged to take the CERT Train-the-Trainer and Program Manager Courses. Find more information through the [Emergency Management Institute \(EMI\)](#) and sign up for course offerings too.



[Community Emergency Response Team | Ready.gov](#)

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Past Training

CERT Association Monthly Training

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced the following training at the June Regular Membership Meeting.

June 22, 2021, Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT) led the training for the evening – “*CERT On-Scene Management*”. Milton Township CERT members Dave Sezenov, Mike Harvey, and Mike Lynch presented various topics on how CERT personnel would conduct safety procedures, provide leadership, and improve overall effectiveness of the mission at hand.



Traffic Control



Portable I/C

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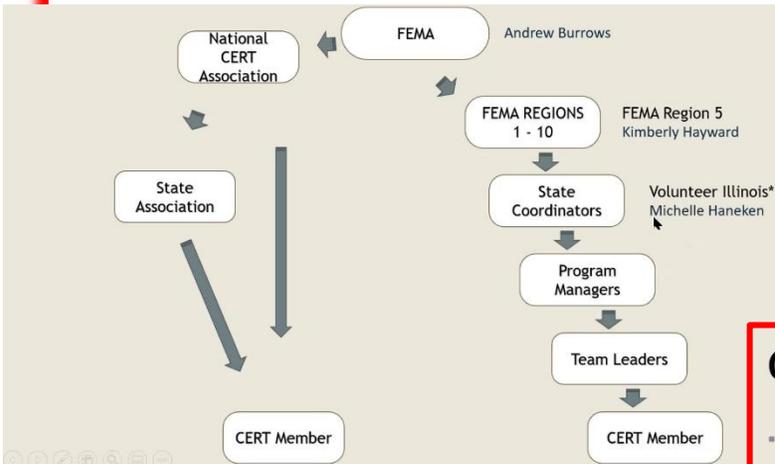
Past Training

August 24, 2021 - Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced the following training at the August Regular Membership Meeting: **“Overview of the National CERT Conference”**

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis presented an overview of the 2021 National CERT Conference and noted the CERT Association members that attended.

2021 National CERT Conference Illinois Attendees

- Rich Frizelis
 - Shelley Frizelis
 - Tonya Balla
 - Theresa Browne
 - Patty Ridings
 - Chuck Geraci
 - Ralph Shelton
 - Sally (Sarah) Bown
 - Joshua Hamlett
 - Doug Ahlgrim
 - Dottie Hemrick
 - Dee Lehrman
 - Patty Edgett
 - Monica Mueller
- Chicago CERT
 - Chicago CERT
 - Mundelein CERT
 - New Lenox CERT
 - Alsip CERT
 - Alsip CERT
 - Chicago CERT
 - Chicago CERT
 - Chicago CERT
 - SLCR CERT
 - Milton Township CERT
 - Milton Township CERT
 - New Lenox CERT
 - Mundelein CERT



CERT Association Of Illinois

- Our Goal is to represent and support all the programs in Illinois
- Develop partnerships across the State, COAD/VOAD, NGO's, and others
- Train the Trainer Program
- Overall resource
- Develop a 501(c)3 Foundation for financial donations
 - Accept donations for programs & earmark for specific programs

Rich Frizelis also went further in detailing how the CERT structure interacts from the Federal level down through the states, to the regions, down to the CERT member.

A job well done Rich Frizelis!!



Events



Past Events



June 27, 2021 - While many teams were supporting pre-planned fun community events over the past week, **Milton Township CERT** was helping people affected by a local disaster (tornado / severe weather). These activities are tiring but oh so rewarding - it's what CERT hopes not to do but what we train to do.

Thanks for all the volunteer organizations helping out those recently affected by mother nature or those that help out in emergencies like the recent fire near Roscoe. No matter the organization, all your efforts are appreciated and help out those whose day didn't go the way they planned. Thanks.....



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June 27, 2021 Milton Township CERT - Saturday / Sunday Morning. At the MARC Station set up by the **American Red Cross**. Some of us were outside directing traffic and some were inside assisting those that were affected by the Tornado 🌀 thru the maze of agencies. Very honored to be a part of **this MARC. (Multi Agency Response Center)** It felt so good to be of service. This is what we train for and to be used in this capacity was so



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August 5, 2021 - Huntley CERT was proud to man a First Aid Tent at the Village of Huntley National Night Out event. CERT works with first responders to assist wherever their training allows. Thank you, CERT team, for all your volunteered hours. YOU ROCK!!!



Thank you, Level 2 CERT members, for manning the First Aid Tents at village events in July. This new program allows our team to assist citizens with minor medical needs. We would also coordinate 911 calls for major medical needs. This program will go through the summer months.

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July 15-16, 2021 - Illinois CERT teams represented at the 2020ne National CERT Conference - MILTON TOWNSHIP CERT TEAM, ALSIP CERT, Mundelein CERT, Chicago CERT, New Lenox CERT, and South Lake County Regional CERT.



... more National CERT Conference pics!!

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14 people from 6 different Illinois CERT teams MILTON TOWNSHIP CERT TEAM, ALSIP CERT, Mundelein CERT, South Lake County Regional CERT, New Lenox CERT and Chicago CERT gathered after the National CERT Conference sessions today excited about the path forward for CERT in Illinois.



. We had an energizing impromptu meeting that included meeting with two board members of the National CERT Association who are happy to help the CERT Association of Illinois continue on our journey. Illinois teams there is excitement building..... maybe even hosting the National CERT conference in Illinois in a few years.



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June 14, 2021 Stateline CERT - Harlem-Roscoe Fire has been ask to set up an evacuation site at Roscoe Middle School and has activated the CERT Team to help. Please feel free to go there if needed!



June 15, 2021 - Today, Red Cross volunteers continue to provide care for residents impacted by the industrial fire in Rockton. A shelter is set up at Roscoe Middle school for evacuated people needing a safe place to stay. Our volunteers are providing meals, snacks, beverages and disaster support such as health services.



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

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)
Trish Billings (Milton Township 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 - Edgar Rodriguez (McDonough County ESDA)



**Outreach – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)
Gary Mills (Buffalo Grove CERT)
Phillip Mason (Cook County EMA)**



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