

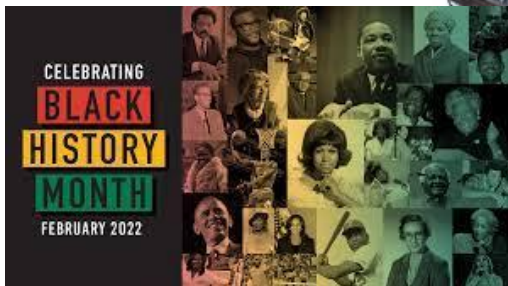
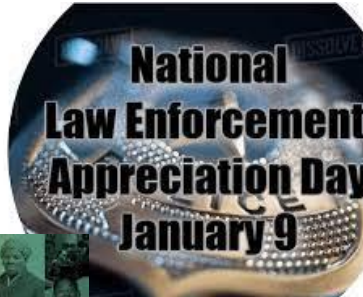


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#IYD2021

Celebrate International
Volunteer Day 2021
ON 5 DECEMBER!



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Membership



Calling all CERT volunteers!!

The **CERT Association of Illinois** ranks are growing! We now have ~~154~~ **180** members spanning 65 jurisdictions. This is fantastic.... but we want more!

The Association **Outreach Committee** has contacted jurisdictions throughout the State to help identify existing CERT teams and offer membership in the Association.

To date, these jurisdictions are interested in starting CERT teams and the Association is helping in those efforts.

Macon County	Crawford County
St. Charles	Edgar County
Kendall County	Elburn
Shawnee	Evanston
Fayette County	Lombard



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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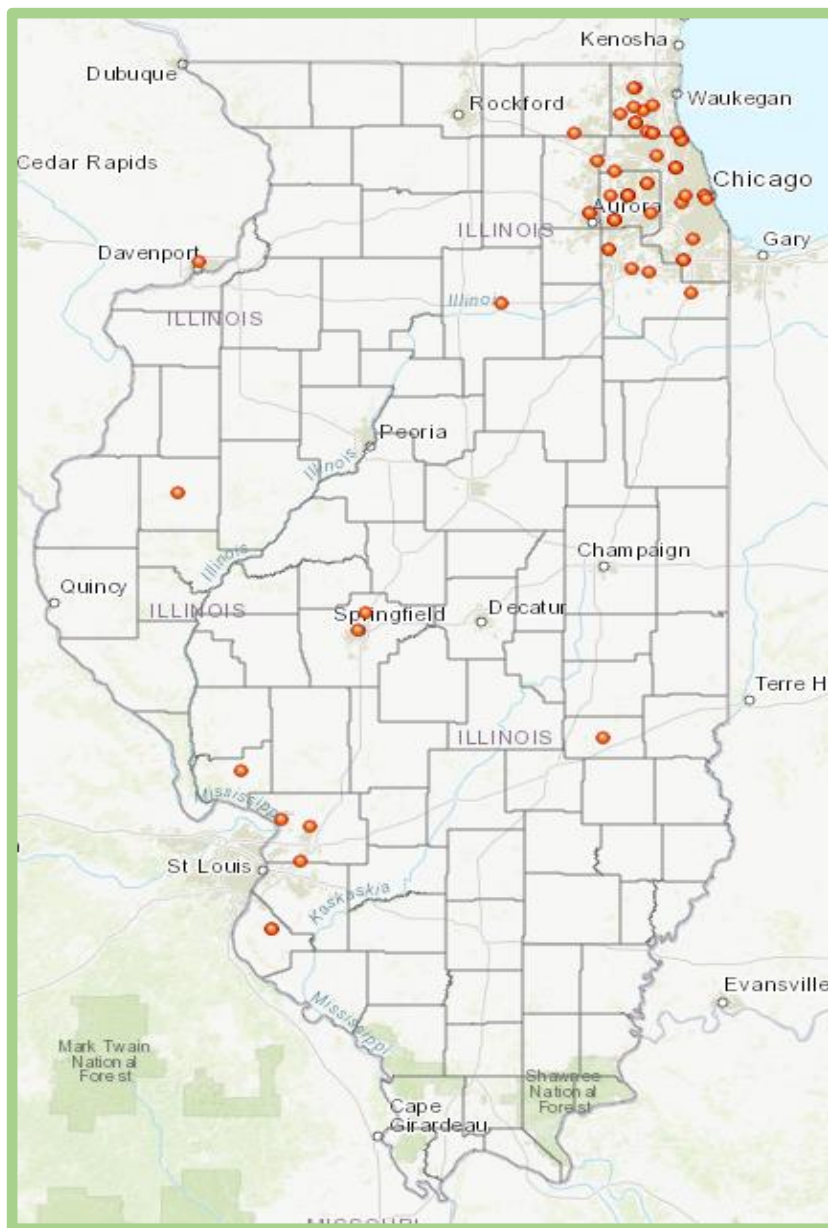
Membership

Illinois CERT teams, The CERT Association of Illinois continues to put 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 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)



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Membership

Congratulations Rich Wilson (Buffalo Grove CERT)!

Rich Wilson served as Interim President for the CERT Association since Mid-2019 to January 1, 2022. And now, Rich has passed the baton so that others can share in the splendor!

But Rich cannot ride into the dusk without the Association recognizing his contributions. So, the CERT Interim Board presented Rich with a recognition award at the March 8, 2022 Buffalo Grove CERT meeting.

Interim Board Members Tonya Balla, Randy James, and Kurt Clifford presented the plaque to Rich and informed the Buffalo Grove CERT attendees of Rich's CERT Association contributions.



... continued

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Membership

CONT - Congratulations Rich Wilson (Buffalo Grove CERT)!

We also learned a few other items pertaining to Mr. Wilson.

- Rich was a member of the Buffalo Grove second CERT class in Buffalo Grove. He joined the Team in 2006.
- He became a CERT Instructor in March of 2009. He has been a team leader since 2010.
- Rich is also a Trained Weather Spotter, trained to Drive the Polaris 6 wheeled vehicle.
- He is BLS/CPR/AED and AHA First-aid Trained.
- He is a member of Buffalo Grove's newly formed Traffic unit, to assist the Police.
- He has completed his basic NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800, 317 and many more.
- Rich is the CERT liaison to Buffalo Grove's EMA Communications Team.
- One of Rich's responsibilities is to take care of scheduling people to fill First-aid booths at the various Buffalo Grove Village functions.



And we at the CERT Association will agree with Joe Weiser's (Buffalo Grove CERT) high regard for Rich.

"He is a team player and steps up to fill in, in the event of a shortage of people. He has been my right hand in the running of our CERT Team."



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Training



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2022 Tentative Calendar

As of 2.24.22

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.

2022	What	Training Topic	Location
1/10	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
1/25	Member Meeting*	CERT Winter Weather Preparedness	Zoom
2/14	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
2/22	Member Meeting*	Long Term Sustainability for CERT Programs - Keys to Success	Zoom
2/25-26	CERT Train-the-Trainer	State Instructor Train the Trainer	Cook County EOC
3/14	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
3/22	Member Meeting*	What is the Impact to CERT on NIMS, ICS, Qualification Standards & Training	Zoom
3/20	Shamrock Shuffle*** https://www.shamrockshuffle.com	Need volunteers, if interested contact richfchicagocert@gmail.com	Chicago
4/11	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
4/26	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
4/27-29	IESMA Training Summit	Go to IESMA.org for information	Springfield
5/9	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
5/24	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
6/10-11	CERT Train-the-Trainer	- State Instructor Train the Trainer	Aurora
6/13	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
6/28	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
7/11	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
7/26	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
8/15-17	CERT Natl. Conference	Pre-Conference Training	Galveston, TX
8/18-29	CERT Natl. Conference	Conference	Galveston, TX
August	Executive Bd Mtg	Summer Break – No Meeting	NA
August	Member Meeting	Summer Break – No Meeting	NA
9/7-10	IESMA Training Summit	TBD	TBD
TBD	CERT Train-the-Trainer	- State Instructor Train the Trainer	Springfield
9/12	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
9/27	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
Fall	Prairie State Challenge	Will be held in person, info coming.	TBD
10/10	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
10/25	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
11/7**	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
11/15**	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
12/5**	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
12/13**	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom

* Meetings are held by video conferencing unless identified differently.

** A meeting change has been made from the normal 2nd Monday/Month for Board meetings and 4th

Tuesday/Month for Member meetings due to the holidays.

*** This is not a CERT Association sponsored event. You would be independently volunteering your assistance.

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Training

Past Training

CERT Association Regular Membership Training

December 14, 2021 – Sgt Chris Shenk of the Chicago PD presented “Situational Awareness”

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Illinois CERT Association December 2021

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced Sgt. Chris Shenk of the Chicago PD who then presented the evening’s training on Situational Awareness.

CERT Situational Awareness, Nine CERT Sizeup Steps

Sgt. Chris Shenk informed how the CERT Situational Awareness steps can be combined with the Situational Awareness that Law Enforcement practices to create a more robust awareness level.

1. Gather facts.
2. Assess and communicate the damage.
3. Consider probabilities.
4. Assess your own situation.
5. Establish priorities.
6. Make decisions.
7. Develop a plan of action.
8. Take action.

1. Identify Objects Around You
2. Notice Other People
3. Identify Entry and Exit Points
4. Practice Prediction
5. Stay Vigilant
6. Trust Yourself
7. Practice Situational “CERT” Techniques



Training

Past Training

CERT Association Regular Membership Training


January 25, 2022 – Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis and David Sezenov (Milton Township CERT) presented “Winter Preparedness”

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis and David Sezenov (Milton Township CERT) conducted “Cold Weather Preparedness” training.




January Monthly Meeting

Cold weather preparedness



Cold Impacts & Preparedness



Potential Impacts


- Frozen pipes could become a significant problem.
- Dead car batteries could strand people.
- Any power outages that occur (weather related or not) could leave people without heat.
- People may improperly use secondary sources of heat; increasing chances for Carbon Monoxide poisoning.
- Structure fires could escalate.
- Frostbite/hypothermia.
- Ice jams could become a problem.

Safety Tips

- ✓ Stay indoors during the worst part of the extreme cold.
- ✓ Keep a [winter survival kit in your vehicle](#) if you must travel.
- ✓ Check tire pressure, antifreeze levels, heater/ defroster, etc.
- ✓ Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe bursts.
- ✓ Trickle water through their pipes and to increase heating in crawl/ceiling spaces to prevent freezing in the first place.
- ✓ Check on the elderly.
- ✓ Bring pets inside.

How to Dress

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing.
- Wear a hat as 40% of your body heat can be lost from your head.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.
- Try to stay dry and out of the wind.



Rich and David presented how the environment effects a person and how to mitigate those effects.

Training

Past Training

CERT Association Regular Membership Training

February 22, 2022 – Dan Martin (New Lenox CERT) presented “Long Term Sustainability for CERT Programs”

Dan Martin (New Lenox CERT) went over on how to attract new volunteers.....

Keeping Volunteers Active and Engaged - Why It's Important

- ▶ Because after completion of the Basic CERT Class, “students” are excited!
- ▶ This is the time when students have the potential to become great “volunteers.”
- ▶ This is the point when a local entity (fire, law enforcement, EMA) can transition from offering the Basic CERT Class to utilizing CERT volunteers to their maximum potential.
- ▶ But it's not easy - it's a lot of hard work, but well worth the effort!



Long Term Sustainability for CERT Programs: Keys to Success

New Lenox, Illinois
Community Emergency Response Team

....and how to keep them engaged.

Keeping Them Engaged

- ▶ Training
 - ▶ On-Going Monthly Training
- ▶ Community Events
 - ▶ 5K / 10K Races
 - ▶ Concerts
 - ▶ Parades
 - ▶ Local Events
- ▶ Task Groups
 - ▶ Training
 - ▶ Public Information
 - ▶ Emergency Preparedness
 - ▶ Pet Preparedness
- ▶ Meetings
 - ▶ Annual
 - ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Annual CERT Competition
- ▶ Social Activities
 - ▶ CERT Family Night
 - ▶ Hikes
 - ▶ Nightlife
- ▶ Market / Promote CERT
 - ▶ Quarterly Newsletter
 - ▶ Social Media (CERT Facebook Page)
- ▶ CERT Members Specialized Skills
 - ▶ Computer Database



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Training

Past Training

McDonough County ESDA – March 2022



We are very excited to announce that we hosted our **2022 Storm Spotter training** in person. This training was at the Macomb 4H building on March 9th, 2022, at 5:30 pm or 1730. Here is something to look forward to and a sign that we are getting back to normal!!



Milton Township CERT – January 2022



In preparation for the Prairie State CERT Challenge later this year. **Milton Township** hosted a CERT Jeopardy on January 20th. Testing our CERT knowledge in a fun way. We had two members from **Addison Cert** team to join us. This game is online for anyone to use just ask Trish Billings p.billings@miltontownship.net for the password.



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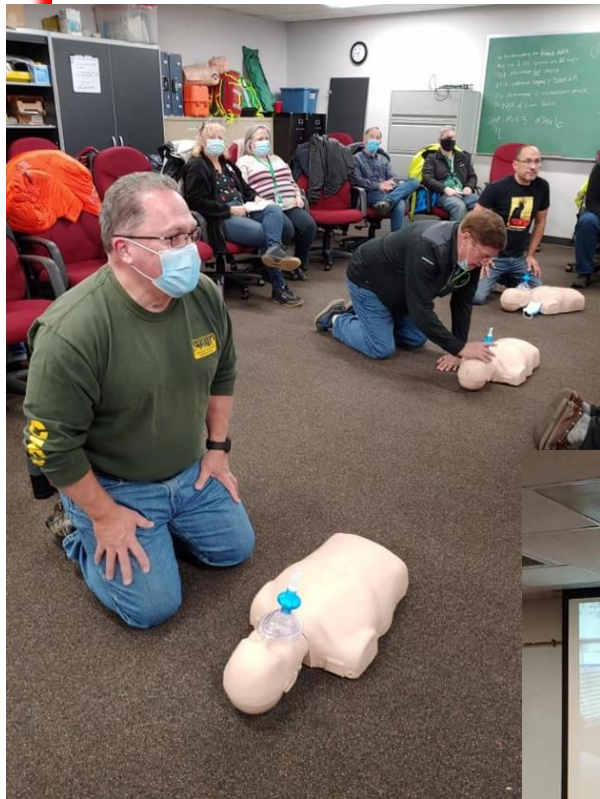
South Lake County Regional



Past Training

South Lake County Regional CERT - December, 2021 SLCR CERT Getting prepared for the new year with CPR/AED Training.

Thank you, Lake Zurich Fire Department!!



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Future Training

We are pleased to announce in coordination with the CERT Association of Illinois the next CERT Train-the-Trainer course.

It will be held on **June 10-11 at the Aurora Emergency Operations Center** with all appropriate COVID-19 precautions that are in place at that time. Please see below for further details.

Course Length: 14 hours

Course Timeline: Day 1: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm; Day 2: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Prior to course registration, the following items need to be submitted to Michelle Hanneken at michelle.hanneken@illinois.gov

1. Letter/email from unit of government or organization sponsoring the CERT program verifying that the attendee will be instructing this course on behalf of the organization in the future.
2. Attendee will submit a certificate of local CERT class participation, verifying that the 20-hour course has already been completed. In limited circumstances, the FEMA Independent Study (IS) 317 class can substitute for this; however, that should be explained in the letter above why the local class has not been attended. This exception must be pre-approved.

In addition, it is suggested that the FEMA IS 242.b Effective Communications online course might be of value to those attending the CERT train-the-trainer program but it is not required.

Once these items are received, the attendee will be notified as having met the prerequisites and will be directed to register for the course in the IEMA registration portal at <https://public.iema.state.il.us/iema/Training/OnlineReg/Login.asp>

Our intent is to provide the CERT T-t-T course once per quarter. For your future planning purposes, we are still planning to try to provide the quarter 3 course in Springfield in conjunction with the IEMA conference and a late fall course in Chicago.

Any questions please email Michelle Hanneken at michelle.hanneken@illinois.gov



Training



FEMA

Future Training

Emergency Management Institute's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Virtual Course: K0428 Train-The-Trainer (TTT)

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will offer the [K0428 CERT Train-the-Trainer course](#) online. The course dates and other course-related information are listed below.

Course Description: This course prepares participants to deliver FEMA's CERT Basic Training course.

2022 Course Dates:

- January 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 (12 – 4 p.m.)
- February 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 (1 – 5 p.m.)
- March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 (12 – 4 p.m.)
- April 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 (1 – 5 p.m.)
- June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 (12 – 4 p.m.)
- July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 (1 – 5 p.m.)
- September 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 (12 – 4 p.m.)

To Apply:

- Prospective students should apply through the [Emergency Management Institute's online admissions system](#).
- Continuing Education Units: 1.3 CEUs per course
- For additional information, contact Jamie 'Betsy' Mauk, EMI Course Manager, at jamie.mauk@fema.dhs.gov. Please refer to the [EMI website](#) for course date availability.

CERT Association CERT Team Members

As we plan for this year's **Prairie State CERT Challenge**, we are looking for input from all of you. Please take a moment and fill out the quick survey from this link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQGDKQC> (The survey link will be active for 7 days)

We would like your input to help put together a memorable experience for you and your team.

For additional Information please contact

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis richf.chicagocert@gmail.com





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Training



Future Training

Milton Township CERT – April 2022 - SAR & Transportation Training

We have obtained permission to search the old Wheaton Bowl. We will be using it as a training for search and transport out survivors from a disaster!



Search Markings

Example:

2/15/08
In: 1430
Out: 1515
CERT-23
FL 1-2 searched
Stairs to FL-3 unsafe
2L
Moved to
CERT-23 med
ops

CERT Basic Training
Unit 5: Light Search and Rescue Operations

This will be your one and only chance to do this training. It has been sold and will be torn down this summer.!!

If interested please contact
Interim Board Member Trish Billings
p.billings@miltontownship.net

Where: (the Old Wheaton Bowl – Bowling Alley)

2031 N Gary Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187

When: Saturday April 23, 2022

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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Future Training



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Is pleased to announce the presentation of:

“SPACE WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS for ILLINOIS”

By Shawn Dahl of the NOAA
Space Weather Prediction Center
(SWPC) Boulder, CO

Date: May 24, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: ZOOM Call (a link will be mailed out to
association members prior to the call)

*Space weather alerts and warnings are
no longer obscure pieces of information.
Space Weather messages are becoming
more prominent in emergency services.
This presentation will introduce us to the
subject and help us understand what
actions can be taken.*

Sorry for the inconvenience, but our call can only handle 100 participants.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Future Training

Wauconda CERT – March, 2022, Wauconda is hosting a **Basic CERT Training** class starting March 30th for the public and those interested in becoming new members. Training will include two person sessions with the majority of the training online.

Register at <https://www.wauconda-il.gov/services/cert/cert.php>



Mundelein CERT – 2022 – CERT Basic Training

Are you READY for whatever the next disaster might be? Details coming soon on **CERT basic training** through **Mundelein CERT**. Whether you take the training to better prepare your family for an emergency or you do it to join the team and give back to the community.....Just do it – get READY! #mundeleincert

- 1. Disasters are becoming more frequent.*
- 2. A plan can save the lives of you, your family and your pets.*
- 3. Preparing can save you money.*
- 4. Preparing can better connect you with your community.*

[4 Reasons You Should Make 'Resolve to be Ready' Your New Year's Resolution | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/4-reasons-you-should-make-resolve-to-be-ready-your-new-year-s-resolution)

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Events

Past Events

South Lake County Regional CERT - January 2022



South Lake County Regional CERT assisted with the **Lake Zurich Rotary Club's Electronics Recycling Event** at The Chapel on Old Rand Rd.



Milton Township CERT – January 2022

Usually, every month the SWAP team from the Sheriff's office would come to unload, inventory and stock our Pantry shelves, but COVID had other plans and the SWAP team could not make it. So, we called on the **Milton Township Cert Team** and 11 members did quick work and completed the job. Awesome job Team! Thank you so much!



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Events

Past Events

Milton Township CERT- February 2022, We put some backpacks together with socks, hats, gloves, scarfs, deodorant, water bottle, toothpaste, toothbrush and information on where to seek help from homelessness. Some of us from the Leadership Team took a few each to hand out to the homeless in our daily life.



[#endtohomelessness](#)

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Illinois Stateline CERT – December 2021, We were activated to provide assistance at a residential fire.

Harlem-Roscoe Fire Deputy Chief John Bergeron reports that HRFD was dispatched to a report of a structure fire on Crystal Dr.



Upon arrival, crews found fire in the attic. The fire was extinguished and crews searched for any other hot spots within the attic/roof area. Overhaul was completed.



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Past Events

Good job Interim Board Member **Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT)** on letting us know how other CERT groups help their communities!



Alaska CERT doing traffic control for a dog race! Interesting!



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Future Events

The National CERT Association (NCA) is excited to announce that the **2022 National CERT Conference** Registration is now OPEN!

The **2022 National CERT Conference**, is planned by a National Conference committee, in partnership with FEMA Region 6, and is hosted by the Galveston CERT program. The conference will be held at the **San Luis Resort and Conference Center, Galveston Texas**.



The main conference will be Thursday, August 18 through Saturday, August 20.
Pre-conference training will be held Monday, August 15 through Wednesday, August 17.

To register and find out more information please follow the link here.

[2022 National Conference \(nationalcert.org\)](https://nationalcert.org)

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James, Randy (Vice-President) - South Lake County Regional
Moos, Mike - Sherman Emergency Management Agency
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Training – Rich Frizelis (Chicago CERT)
Laura Townsend (Northbrook CERT)
Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT)



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Beth Drendel (North Aurora Police Dept)

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



Meetings / Agendas – Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT)

Meeting Minutes – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

Membership – Kurt Clifford (McHenry County EMA)

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...and last,

*"Some countries have no idea what democracy is
Some countries have had it for very short periods of time
We Americans have had it for hundreds of years*

*Democracy is work
it's vigilance
it's being educated
it's being a savvy media consumer
it's voting
it's paying attention"*

— Julia Loffe (Russian-American Journalist)

"The price of liberty is vigilance"
Thomas Jefferson

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