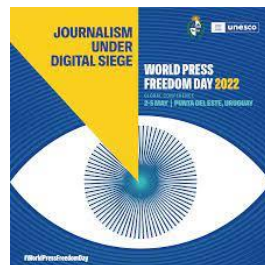
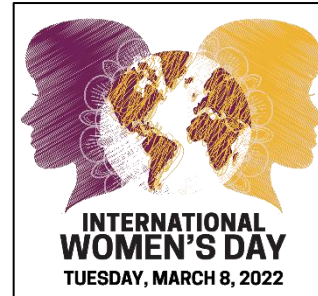




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Calling all CERT volunteers!!

The **CERT Association of Illinois** ranks are growing! We now have ~~154~~ **190** 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.

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



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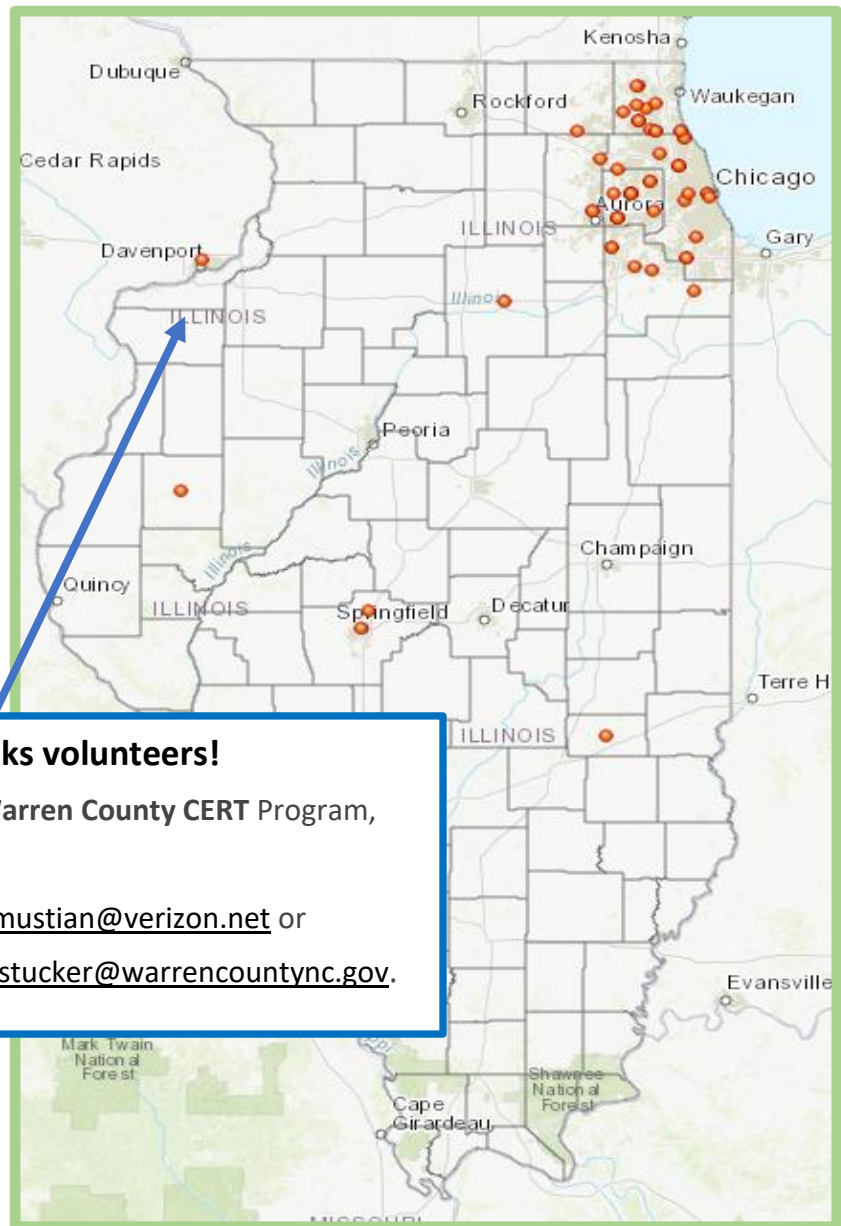
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Illinois CERT teams, The CERT Association of Illinois continues to put together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. **We would also like to follow your pages!** If you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link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



Warren County CERT seeks volunteers!

If you are interested in joining the **Warren County CERT Program**,
contact –

Lewis Mustain at 804-512-3045 or lmustian@verizon.net or

Chris Tucker at 252-257-1191 or christucker@warrencountync.gov.

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Congratulations Elburn-Countryside CERT

Training for **Elburn's Citizen Emergency Response Team** has completed with 18 individuals taking part in the first session since the program was disbanded in 2018.

Elburn Police Chief Nick Sikora said at the Village Board meeting March 7 that CERT is pulling membership from not only the village of Elburn, but adding residents from **Campton Hills**, as well as the Elburn and **Countryside Fire Protection District**.



Congratulations Kendall County

The **Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District** has partnered with **The Kendall County Emergency Agency** to teach their new CERT volunteers about fire safety and fire extinguisher use.



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CERT Website Update

By Mike Moos, Board Website Liaison

As you are aware, the CERT Association of Illinois implemented a website (www.certillinois.com) as your one stop place to find information relevant to CERT. Since its inception we have been slowly adding features to the site and I thought it was time to highlight them for your use.

- **News.** We try to keep you up to date on our news. Near the top of the main page, we have 4 rotating pictures of current stories or information. Underneath that area, are smaller boxes that rotate and provide additional information. Got news, send it to us so we can add it to the site.
- **NEW - Other Links** page. Access to this page is either at the bottom of the main page (bottom left) under Links or at the top of the page under the Membership tab as Resource Links. This page provides a plethora of sites that have additional information, training, and resources. If you have a favorite site let us know, we could add it to this page.
- **Knowledge Base** – this page provides copies of some of the presentations made during our monthly member Zoom meetings. Don't reinvent the wheel, gain knowledge through this resource. If you have something you feel it would be worth sharing, then send it to us to use. We thank you in advance.
- **Code of Ethics** – did you know the Association published a Code of Ethics that members and organizations should abide by? Check it out. Go to the Board tab and you will find it there.
- **Agendas, Minutes and Newsletters** – Your Board of Directors have worked hard to develop a transparent viable organization. You can find all the newsletters that have been published as well as our Board meeting agendas and minutes. Much work goes into our newsletters. Please send us pictures and stories of your activities as a CERT organization.
- **Membership Application** – Joining the association could not be simpler. Just go to the Membership tab and you will see a short form to be filled out. Don't forget to submit!

Remember we depend on our members to provide information and feedback. Please submit any questions or contributions to us via our email il.cert.assoc@gmail.com.



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Training



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2022 Association Calendar

As of 5.25.22

KEY:

Executive Board Meetings	Member Meetings	Of Interest	TBD = To Be Determined
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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*	CPR & AED Discussion "What Really Happens"	Zoom
4/27-29	IESMA Training Summit	Go to IESMA.org for information	Springfield
5/9	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
5/24	Member Meeting*	Space Weather Considerations for Illinois By NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center	Zoom
6/10-11	CERT Train-the-Trainer	- State Instructor Train the Trainer	Aurora
6/13	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
6/28	Member Meeting*	CERT Jeopardy	Zoom
7/11	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
7/26	Member Meeting*	Blast (explosion) Precautions & Injuries	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
9/6-9	IEEMA Training Summit	Info at: https://www2.illinois.gov/ieema/Training/Summit/Pages/default.aspx	Springfield
TBD	CERT Train-the-Trainer	State Instructor Train the Trainer	Springfield
9/12	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
9/27	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
10/10	Executive Bd Mtg*	-	Zoom
10/22	Prairie State Challenge	Will be held in person, info coming.	College of DuPage
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. Topics are subject to change.

** 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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Past Training

Mundelein CERT – June 2022

It's a wrap. Mundelein CERT had 11 participants complete the CERT basic training. It was their first hybrid (online/in person) and English/Spanish class

Big thanks to all of the **Mundelein CERT** team volunteers that assisted as well as our **special guest Paul CERT and Bryan and Laura from RLB EMA/CERT.**



Shout out to our ICs Sam and Matt and our medical area leads Veronica and Ana. A shout out to Monica who did some great moulage. Finally, thank you to our instructors Gary, Mary, Ray, and Tonya; our CERT board Becky, Lynn, Ray, and Dick; and last but certainly not least **THANK YOU** to our sponsoring agency [Mundelein Fire Department](#). We appreciate your support and use of the facility.

Leadership Team



Training Team



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Past Training

Milton Township CERT – May 2022

Milton Township CERT hosted CPR class in **Naperville Safety Town**. Lt Al Katona taught the fundamentals of CPR & AED, also CPR on small children and babies. There were 25 CERT members in attendance and plan to host one more class this year.



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Training



Past Training

Milton Township CERT - April 2022

Mother Nature cooperated with Milton Township CERT and provided a warm day to practice Search and Rescue & transportation techniques. Entry into the old iconic Wheaton Bowl was secured and provided a “true – enough “scenario for the team to work with.

IC Command team sent in teams of Search to find the survivors and to radio back the information to tell the Transport Teams where to find the survivors.



The teams practiced radio communications, right-hand and left-hand search patterns, proper lifting techniques and triage tagging. It was a great learning experience for all involved.



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Past Training

New Lenox Search and Rescue - March 2022

Six members of the **New Lenox Search and Rescue Team** met at the Kane County OEM Garage Training room in St. Charles.

The team members arrived, signed-in, and took their seats with 35 other SAR members from other jurisdictions for the classroom portion of this training.

Kim Gotte, Kendall County SAR and Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) Board Member - Training Lead, welcomed everyone and then handed over the training to **Lt. Kevin Tindall, Kane County Sheriff's Office**.



CERT Association – June 2022

We were pleased to announce in coordination with the **CERT Association of Illinois** of the **CERT train-the-trainer (TtT)** course held on June 10-11 at the Aurora Emergency Operations Center with all appropriate COVID-19 precautions that were in place at that time.

The Association's 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.

For information on CERT TtT courses please email –

Rich Frizelis richf.chicagocert@gmail.com

Michelle Hanneken michelle.hanneken@illinois.gov

Or access the IEMA Course website

public.iema.state.il.us/iema/training/Courselisting.asp

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Past Training



CERT Association of Illinois - March 2022

Interim Board member Mike Moos presented the meeting's training which covered an overview of NIMS, ICS, and the National Qualification System & Training.

A discussion was then held by attendees on how FEMA's Qualification System & Training program compares to the National CERT Qualification System & Training program.

Agenda

Introduction

NIMS
National Incident
Management System

ICS
Incident Command
System

IAP
Incident Action Plan

EOP
Emergency Operations
Plan

Training

NQS
National Qualification
System

Q & A

ASD

Atrial
Septal
Defect

Right
atrium

Blood
from body

Right
ventricle

Blood from
body

Blood to
lungs

Left
atrium

Blood from
lungs

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ventricle

CERT Association of Illinois - April 2022

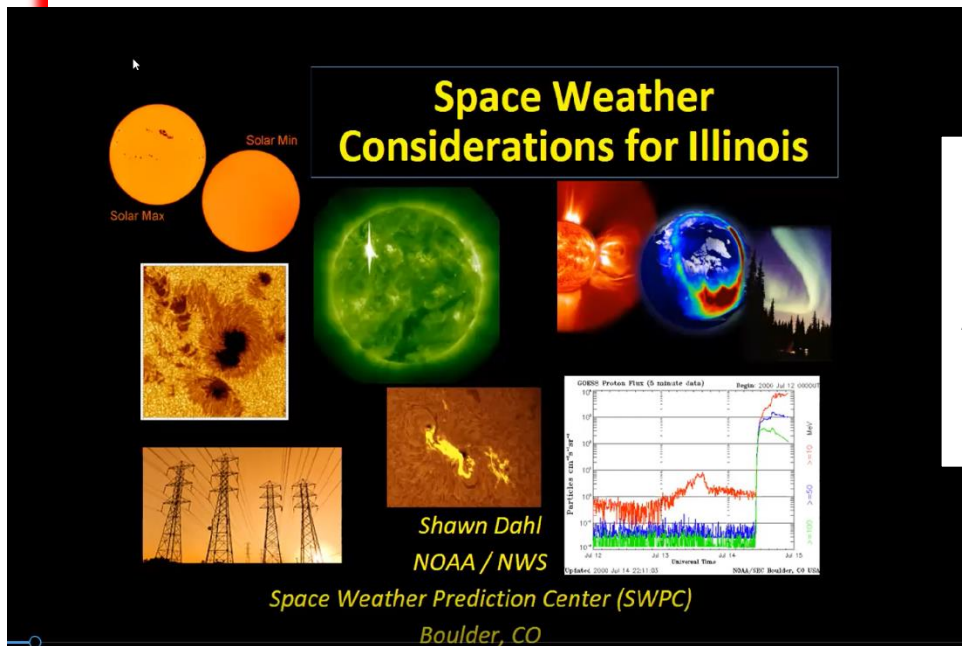
Eric Power from Northwestern Hospital presented topics involving the invisible machinations pertaining to the CPR process.

Training

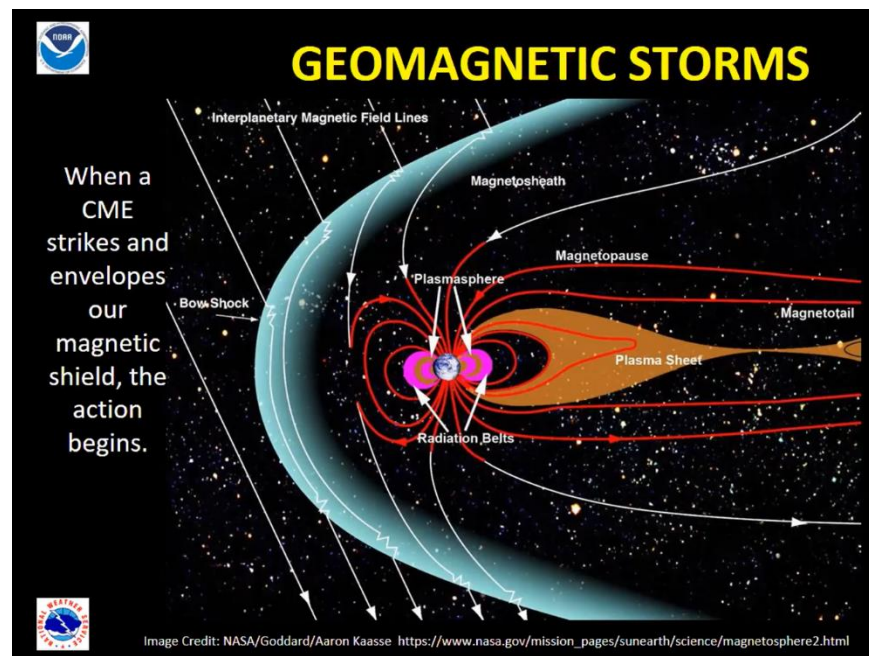


Past Training

CERT Association of Illinois - May 2022



Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced **Shawn Dahl of the NOAA/NWS**. Shawn presented the Association's May training on how Illinois is affected by weather resulting conditions space.



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Future Training

2022 National CERT Conference Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 11:00:00 AM CDT - 11:45:00 AM CDT

The **2022 National CERT Conference** is being planned by **the National CERT Association**, in partnership with FEMA Region 6 and hosted by the **Galveston CERT Program**. The conference will be held August 18 through 20, 2022 (pre-conference training August 15-17) at the Galveston Convention Center at the San Luis Resort, 5600 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551.

Everyone is invited to attend the conference, including CERT Program Managers, Instructors, Volunteers, and other CERT Stakeholders.

This presentation will provide an overview of the National CERT Conference, why you should attend, and what makes CERT Conferences unique.

Who should attend: Whole community partners, particularly CERT Program Managers and Instructors who are interested in an effective tool to prepare community members for all hazards.

Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/certconference2022/event/registration.html>



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Future Training

National CERT Association

We are excited to announce that the following three courses will be offered during the pre-conference training at the **2022 National CERT Conference** (August 15-17 for Pre-conference, 18-20 for the main conference) in Galveston, Texas this year:

L0427 – CERT Program Manager Course – There will be a Local EMI delivery of the CERT Program Manager Course.

L0428 – CERT Train-the-Trainer Course – There will be a Local EMI delivery of the CERT Train-the-Trainer Course

CERT Master Instructor Course (Pilot) – Currently the NCA is partnering with the California Office of Emergency Services to develop a CERT Master Instructor Course. This course is designed to train participants to deliver the CERT Program Manager and/or CERT Train-the-Trainer Courses. This pilot delivery will be led by an instructor team which includes two FEMA Adjunct Instructors. Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the National CERT Association.

Participants must also attend the 2022 National CERT Conference. We anticipate for these courses to fill quickly so make sure to complete and return your registration forms quickly if you are interested.

If you have any questions about these courses, please email training@nationalcert.org.



Training

Future Training

LISTOS Presentation - May 2022

Aware and Prepare LISTOS is an 8-hour training program that was originally created to engage the Hispanic community in emergency and disaster preparedness. Unlike CERT, LISTOS training is conversational based and is focused on families and individuals.

LISTOS was created in Santa Barbara County, California, in 2009 as part of the Aware and Prepare program. Since then, LISTOS has received two grants from the California Office of Emergency Services and a grant from the California Governor's office to expand LISTOS throughout the state. LISTOS now has over 60 programs statewide and the curriculum has been translated into 13 languages.

Visit www.CFALISTOS.org for more information. Join us to learn more about this program, how it has proven effective in preparing non-English speaking communities, and how you can start a LISTOS program in your area.

Who should attend: Whole community partners, particularly CERT Program Managers and Instructors who are interested in an effective tool to prepare community members for all hazards.



Events

Past Events

Bank of America Half Marathon – June 2022



The newest addition to Chicago's premier racing portfolio, the Bank of America Chicago 13.1, offered a unique experience, encouraging runners to get out of the Loop and explore the neighborhoods of Chicago's West Side. The Inaugural Bank of America Chicago 13.1 took place on Sunday, June 5. The course weaved through the historic parks and boulevards of the West Side, starting and finishing in Garfield Park.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the **CERT Volunteers** that helped in working with the medical team once again on the course and finish areas.



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Past Events

Milton Township CERT – May 2022

One of the many things a Cert Team can do is lend a hand to a resident in need with her yard spring cleaning. Thank goodness mother nature cooperated. Hot.... but so rewarding!! Thank you to all who came out.



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Elburn-Countryside CERT

Members of the **Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.)** spent their Friday evening at the Elburn Lions Club Bingo event to raise funds for the Campton Hills Police Department, the Elburn Police Department, and Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District C.E.R.T. Team.



Tom Harris, Jennifer Gomoll, Kayla Nowicki, Phillis Nowicki, and Pattie Patterman worked alongside the Lions Club members and made for a fun and beneficial event! Thank you Campton Hills Team!



New Lenox CERT – June 2022

Special thanks to our awesome volunteers for assisting with the **Chasing the Sun 5K**. Everyone did a great job keeping the runners & walkers safe.



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Past Events

The 2021 CERT Annual Certification reporting period is closing soon!

This is a feature of the CERT Registration site that allows Program Managers to maintain your CERT status as an active, official CERT and build credibility for your program. Completing the Annual Certification also ensures potential volunteers can locate your program and access contact information. Plus, you can shape the future of the National CERT Program by informing future training, opportunities, and decisions.

It's easy to do in about 15 minutes:

- Log into the [CERT Registration Site](#)
- Select "Manage My CERTs"
- Select "CERT Annual Certification"
- Complete and submit the form!

You'll be asked to provide information about your program profile, your preparedness activities and deployments, your community impact, CERT training, and funding.

Have a question about the Annual Certification or logging into the CERT Registration Site? Email FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov or [watch the webinar](#) that walks you through the CERT Registration Site features, including the Annual Certification! Please note the link to the webinar will open a prompt for credentials. You do not need an Adobe Connect account to watch this recording. Please keep both fields blank and press "OK" to access the recording.

[Complete your Annual Certification](#) to ensure your program is kept active, accessible to potential volunteers, and officially recognized as a resource to your community!



Events

Future Events

2022 National CERT Awards

The National CERT Awards recognizes outstanding achievement and contribution by an individual or program to their community and/or the nation. The National CERT Association (NCA) has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with FEMA's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) to hold National CERT Awards.

This year, the 2022 National CERT Awards Ceremony will be held during the National CERT Conference on Thursday, August 18, 2022. Award winners do not need to attend the National CERT Conference to win. Winners who cannot attend the conference in person will be able to join the event via zoom.

The 2022 National CERT Awards will include the following categories:

- Volunteer of the Year
- CERT Leader of Year
- CERT Program of the Year
- Best CERT Innovation

If you have any questions about the 2022 National CERT Awards, please contact the **Awards Chair, Liliana Encinas**, at liencinas@santabarbaraca.gov.

Nominations for the 2022 CERT Awards can be made here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CERTAwards>.

Learn more about the 2022 National CERT conference here:
[2022 National CERT Conference](#)

Learn more about the National CERT Association here:
<https://nationalcert.org>.



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National Love Our Children Day - Every First Saturday of April

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