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Membership



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
Macon County	Edgar County
Shawnee	Elburn
Fayette County	Evanston
Aurora	Lombard
Schaumburg	



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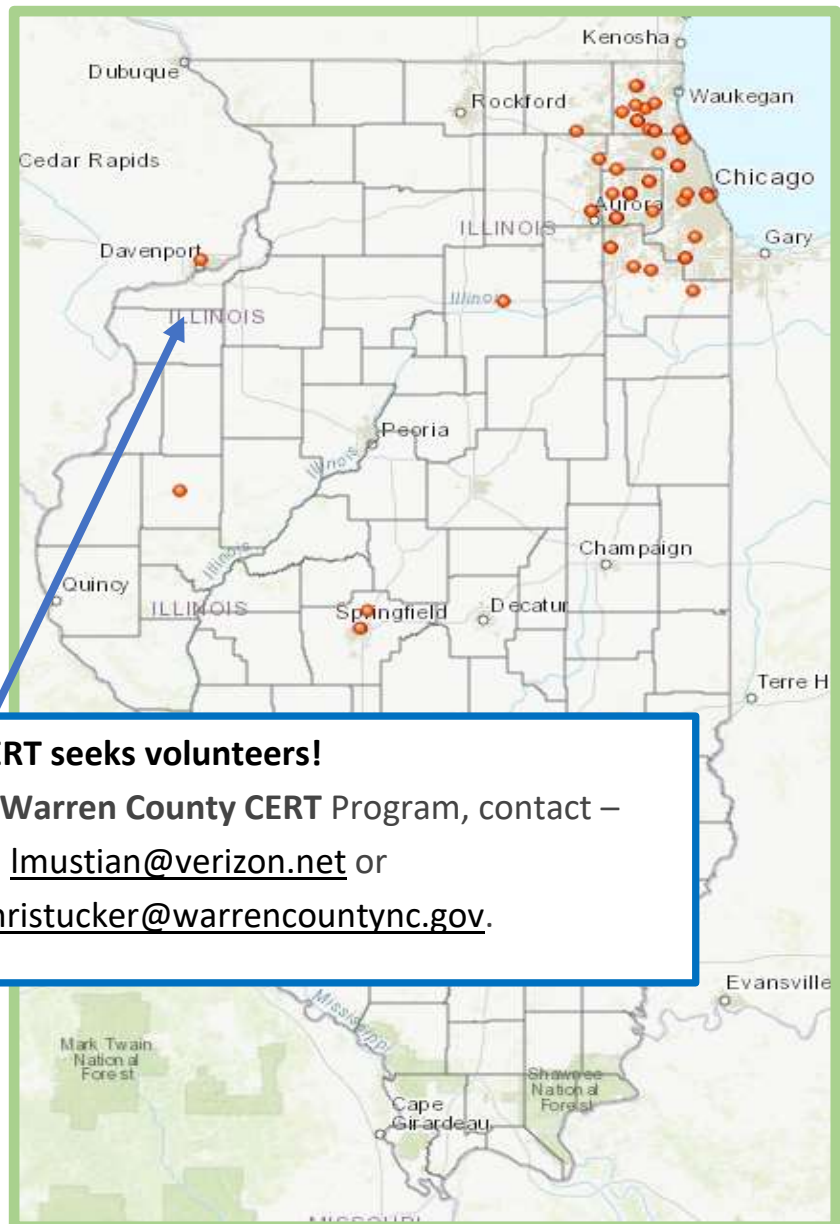
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Illinois CERT teams, The CERT Association of Illinois continues to put together a list of all Illinois CERT team Facebook pages. **We would also like to follow your pages!** If you have a Facebook page for your CERT organization, please send the link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



Roger Bonuchi (Kendall County EMA Director) extends a big “thank you” to our CERT instructors; **Linda Keen, Kim Gotte, Tim Strueber, Jonathan Petry, Joe Buan, Bill Keen, and Kris Mizel**. All did a professional job giving their time and expertise to our CERT participants. Who, by the way, expanded from 10 to 25 with the Sheriff’s Youth Academy joining the CERT class.

The “victims” for the final exercise last Tuesday were: **Tim Strueber, Bill Keen, and Kim Gotte** (who lost her “baby” and a hand BTW). The CERT Incident Commander was **Mike Proskey** who did a good job of managing the CERT response during the exercise.

Check out the guy on the far right... **Deputy Chris Phillis** who was key in getting the Youth Academy organized.

Thank you to everyone along the way with our 1st CERT class hosted by Kendall County.



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Training



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2022 Association Calendar

As of 9.13.22

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 Co. 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 & Member Mtgs	Summer Break – No Meetings	NA
9/6-9	IEEMA Training Summit	https://www2.illinois.gov/ieema/Training/Summit/Pages/default.aspx	Springfield
9/12	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
9/27	Member Meeting*	Multi Agency Resource Centers (MARC) By Joy Medrano of the Red Cross	Zoom
10/10	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
10/22	Prairie State Challenge	Information coming	College of DuPage
10/25	Member Meeting*	Mental Health	Zoom
11/7**	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
11/15**	Member Meeting*	TBD	Zoom
12/5**	Executive Bd Mtg*	- -	Zoom
12/2-3	CERT Train-the-Trainer	- State Instructor Train the Trainer	Chicago OEMC
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 - June, 10 – 11, 2022 the **CERT Association of Illinois** through the sponsorship of the Illinois Emergency Management (IEMA) held a CERT Instructor Train –the-Trainer (TtT) class at the **Aurora Office of Emergency Management**.

We congratulate the following people for successfully completing the two-day course.

John Brenneman, Elburn Campton Hills CERT
Ray Jackson, Aurora EMA
Kimberly Kopoulos, Round Lake Beach EMA
Robert Lang, South Lake County CERT
Veronica Martinez, City of Chicago CERT
Phillip Mason, Cook County OEM
Kim Muhr, Elburn Campton Hills CERT
John Piwko, Huntly CERT
Damini Singh, DuPage ARES – Naperville



The Association wishes to thank the following CERT Instructors for their hard work and time teaching this class:

- Trish Billings, Association President and Milton Township CERT
- David Sezonov, Milton Township CERT
- Randy James, Association Vice-President and South Lake County Regional CERT
- Richard Frizelis, Association Board Member and Chicago CERT
- Allison Anderson, Will County OEM

Training



Past Training

June CERT Association Training

Interim Board Member Randy James presented

USING GAMES FOR CERT LEARNING AND TEAM BUILDING

Randy James explained the concept of “**Gamification**” which is the application of typical elements of game playing (e.g., point scoring, competition with others, rules of play) to other areas of activity, typically as an online marketing technique to encourage engagement with a product or service.

“Gamification is exciting because it promises to make the hard stuff in life fun “.

And the fun began as Randy hosted CERT Jeopardy with CERT related topics being asked.

CERT PSYCHOLOGY	RADIO	CERT SEARCH/RESCUE	BE PREPARED	CERT TERRORISM
100	100	100	100	100
200	200	200	200	200
300	300	300	300	300
400	400	400	400	400
500	500	500	500	500

This presentation is available as are other presentations on the CERT Website.

This is the direct link: <https://www.certillinois.com/knowledge-base-2-0/>

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July CERT Association Training

Interim Board Member Rich Frizelis introduced Mike Nolan (Retired, Secretary of State Bomb Squad, Security Services & Law Enforcement) and Dr. August Grace (Northwestern Medical Hospital) and together they presented ...

BLAST DYNAMICS and INJURIES

Mike Nolan presented the types of explosive devices and the dynamics of the resulting blast. Dr. Grace presented the types of blast injuries resulting from a blast, how to triage certain injuries and how to handle certain Mental Health considerations after an incident.



Mental Health Considerations

- Natural disasters or mass casualty incidents can have:
- Little or no warning
- Unknown duration of the event
- Potential threat to personal safety
- Unknown health risks



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The Village of **New Lenox** is conducting its' **18th Basic CERT class** on Thursday evenings (9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6 & 10/13) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall.



The Final Exercise, Graduation and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. All graduates will receive a CERT backpack containing various disaster preparedness supplies, CERT participant manual, and a certificate of completion.



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Mundelein CERT - June 12

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**.



Everyone did an awesome job. 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.

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SLCR CERT, June - South Lake County Regional CERT was honored to assist the **ILLWIS SAR K9's** with their certification training this week. These talented dogs searched out two of our members through land and water. They were all amazing and very impressive.

www.sardog.com



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Future Training

Emergency Management Institute's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Virtual Courses FY23: [K0427 CERT Program Manager](#) and [K0428 CERT Train-the-Trainer](#)

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) will offer the [K0427 CERT Program Manager](#) and [K0428 CERT Train-the-Trainer](#) courses online. Participants will learn how to establish and sustain an active local CERT program and deliver FEMA's CERT Basic Training course.

Cost: **No cost.** Students must have a FEMA Student Identification number (SID), computer with microphone, speaker, and stable access to the internet. Visit the [FEMA Student Identification System](#) to obtain a SID.

To Apply: Prospective students should apply through the [Emergency Management Institute's online admissions system](#).

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.



North Aurora Police Department - October

Last chance to register to attend **our Basic Community Emergency Response Team** training, which begins on **October 6th**. In a nutshell, this free course teaches you what you should do to prepare your family for a disaster such as a tornado, what to do in the middle of a disaster, and how to help your family and your neighbors in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

For more information, contact **Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Buziecki** at (630) 897-8705, extension 752 or sbuziecki@northaurora.org

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Future Training

Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, doctors, nurses, and others in emergency response roles are regularly tasked with responding to emergencies and disaster sites and communicating with various people who have been involved in or witnessed an incident.

Emergency preparedness and response professionals need to know how to respond to an emergency and how to meet the needs of everyone who may be affected.

However, some research has shown that there is “a gap in first responders’ ability to meet the functional and access needs of some people with disabilities.” To address this gap and be able to respond effectively and with respect, it is critical to understand the different types of needs and how various impairments can affect individuals with disabilities and access and functional needs (DAFN).



Additional resources for emergency preparedness and response professionals:

[Responding Respectfully to People With Disabilities | Domestic Preparedness](#)

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Take a Virtual Training



Access State Emergency Management Resources



Download Our Emergency Management Virtual Toolkit



Use an EOP Interactive Tool



Fill Our Toolbox



Join the Community of Practice

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@remstacenter

<https://rems.ed.gov>



James Caesar
Emergency Manager,
University of California
Santa Barbara
(@jamesCaesar7)

Monday, August 22, 2022
12:00 PM ET



The **Campus CERT** concept was created to address preparedness and response capabilities of college and university campuses, which often function as “a city within a city” and have their own emergency management capabilities. The program organizes volunteers into teams and provides training to help ensure that volunteers can aid in a more effective, safe, and responsible manner (see [FEMA's Campus CERT Starter Guide](#)). Campus CERT volunteers can also support the nonemergency needs of the institution of higher education, such as managing traffic and crowds at large events. Campus CERT programs may also be able to support CERT activities within the local community.

[Check Out the #SChatWithAnExpert Twitter Chat Here!!](#)

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact the REMS TA CENTER at 1-855-781-REMS [7367] or via email at info@remstacenter.org

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Future Events

Chicago CERT is inviting you to help at the **2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon**, which is right around the corner. This year the Marathon will be held on **Sunday October 9th** in Chicago. We are expecting 48,000 runners to take over the streets of Chicago for their 26.2 mile race.

CERT members have been an integral part of this race for a long time. We assist with care at the aid stations and make sure the runners who are unable to continue their journey are safely transported back to the finish area. Please join us for this momentous occasion.

Here is the link for

our sign up: <https://cem.emos1.com/volunteer/RegisterVolunteer.aspx?s=2F893A&eid=35>

Please select "CERT" for both company affiliation and volunteer group.

The day will start out in Grant Park and we will transport you onto the race course. At the end of the day you will return back to Grant Park.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!



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Board Members (Interim)



Balla, Tonya - Mundelein Fire Department

Billings, Trish (President) – Milton Township CERT

Clifford, Kurt (Secretary) – McHenry County EMA

Frizelis, Rich – Chicago CERT

James, Randy (Vice-President) - South Lake County Regional CERT

Moos, Mike - Sherman Emergency Management Agency

Sessner, Rob – Milton Township CERT

Drendl, Beth – North Aurora CERT



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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 – Trish Billings (Milton Township CERT)

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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The **CERT and EMA teams in Lake County** had supported the tragic events associated with the active shooter event in Highland Park on July 4th. The IL COAD set up a Family Assistance Center (FAC) in conjunction with the Red Cross, FBI, and Lake County Emergency Management Agency on July 6.

The FAC had asked for additional "Ambassadors" to help the public needing assistance navigate through the different partner agencies that were onsite. Agencies included the Salvation Army and Red Cross but also included the Crime Victims Compensation, States Attorney Office, discussions with FBI for item retrieval, and onsite counseling.

These are the members who volunteered their time to help as Ambassadors



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Ahlgrim	Doug	South Lake County Regional CERT
Arnold	Dale	Mundelein CERT
Arroyave	Sandi	LCEMA Volunteer
Ayers	Allan	Mundelein CERT
Balla	Tonya	LCEMA Volunteer
Bastean	Scott	Round Lake Beach EMA
Baygood	Michael	South Lake County Regional CERT
Beegun	Jackie	Buffalo Grove CERT
Bennett	John	LCEMA Volunteer
Biagi	Janessa	Buffalo Grove CERT
Billings	Trish	CERT Assoc - Milton Township
Blatt	Dave	CERT Assoc - Evanston
Bosch	Eleni	CERT Assoc - New Lennox
Bowers	Ryan	Buffalo Grove CERT
Branner	Merle	Highland Park CERT
Brazil	Tim	Mundelein CERT
Bruno	Lou	Fremont CERT
Buenda	Miguel	Mundelein CERT
Burtelow	Elizabeth	Buffalo Grove CERT
Butler	Paul	CERT Assoc - Milton Township
Byrnes	Kris	Highland Park CERT
Cabrera- Aguilar	Aura	LARC (Translator)
Calabrese	John	Waukegan CERT
Caldwell	Kim	Round Lake Beach EMA
Candalas	Jose	Mundelein CERT
Carrillo	Ana	Mundelein CERT
Caudill	Jeff	South Lake County Regional CERT
Clifford	Kurt	CERT Assoc – McHenry EMA
Cutler	Chris	LCEMA Volunteer
Davis	Michael	Buffalo Grove CERT
DeGrazia	Dan	LCEMA Volunteer
Dolan	Tom	Mundelein CERT
Domeny	Rose Marie	Fremont CERT
Donnell	Anne	South Lake County Regional CERT
Dowell	Lynn	Mundelein CERT
Doyle	kaya	South Lake County Regional CERT
Dye	Amanda	Waukegan CERT
Eber	Gianna	Grundy Co COAD
Edgett	Patty	CERT Assoc - New Lennox
Engquist	Austin	Waukegan CERT
Escribano	Pablo	Waukegan CERT
Exner	Michael	CERT Assoc - Milford Township
Fox	Gayle	South Lake County Regional CERT
Frizelis	Rich	CERT Assoc - Chicago CERT

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Gaunky	Becky	Mundelein CERT
Geno	Judith	Buffalo Grove CERT
Geschke	Bethany	South Lake County Regional CERT
Giddens	Jordan	Buffalo Grove CERT
Goodridge	Alison	South Lake County Regional CERT
Gouzoules	Kathy	LCHD MRC
Guitierrez	Carla	Catholic Charities
Gussin	Mike	South Lake County Regional CERT
Haddon	Michelle	LCHD MRC
Hartman	Lisa	Buffalo Grove CERT
Heineman	Gregg	South Lake County Regional CERT
Hernandez	Manny	Waukegan Public Library
Herring	James	LCEMA Volunteer
Huerta	Veronica	Mundelein CERT
Hughes	Jill	Fremont CERT
Huizenga	Jennifer	CERT Assoc - New Lennox
Hull	Jennifer	LCEMA Volunteer
Irvin	Patricia	South Lake County Regional CERT
James	Randy	South Lake County Regional CERT
Johnson	Jodi	Mundelein CERT
Karp	David	Buffalo Grove CERT
Katris	Peter	South Lake County Regional CERT
Kellie	Lora	LCHD MRC
Kelly	Kim	South Lake County Regional CERT
Kern	Ingrid	South Lake County Regional CERT
Ketter	Trish	Round Lake Beach EMA
Kopoulos	Kim	Round Lake Beach EMA
Kugel	Lora	Round Lake Beach EMA
Kumar	Vijay	LCEMA Volunteer
Lamonte	Kathy	Highland Park CERT
Lang	Jill	South Lake County Regional CERT
Larson	Cheryle	Grundy Co COAD
Laske	Phillip	Buffalo Grove CERT
Lasko	Phil	Buffalo Grove CERT
Lin	Dai-Min	South Lake County Regional CERT
Lincoln	Diane	Grundy Co COAD
Lingner	Kirk	South Lake County Regional CERT
Lowman	Anja	LCEMA Volunteer
MacMorran	Greg	LCEMA Volunteer
Manbach	John	Grundy Co COAD
Manbach	Shelley	Grundy Co COAD
Martinez	Elmer	Waukegan CERT
Mata	Jose	Mundelein CERT
McGowen	Al	Waukegan CERT
McLean	Alex	Mundelein CERT

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Meade	Katana	Round Lake Beach EMA
Memije	Jackie	Round Lake Beach EMA
Mills	Gary	Buffalo Grove CERT
Monk	Colin	Grundy Co COAD
Morchun	Camile	Catholic Charities
Moss	Elizabeth	Waukegan CERT
Moyer	Jeff	South Lake County Regional CERT
Mullen	Ray	Mundelein CERT
Neilan	Leslie	Highland Park CERT
Nicholson	Bryan	Round Lake Beach EMA
Ocampo	Gaby	LCHD MRC
Ornelas	Mary	Round Lake Beach EMA
Ortiz	Armando	Mundelein CERT
O'Sullivan-Cavanaugh	Nadine	South Lake County Regional CERT
Paull	Tim	South Lake County Regional CERT
Pedersen	Richard	South Lake County Regional CERT
Perrella	Tom	Highland Park CERT
Persino	Nina	Highland Park CERT
Podolsky	Ellyn	Round Lake Beach EMA
Powell	Maggie	Waukegan CERT
Ramos	Hector	Waukegan CERT
Rick	Julie	Mundelein CERT
Rivera	Edwin	Waukegan CERT
Romancheck	Nancy	LCHD MRC
Rositas-Sheftel	Cary	Catholic Charities
Ross	Anne	LCHD MRC
Runde	Amy	Waukegan CERT
Rundy	Amy	Waukegan CERT
Samson	Edward	CERT Assoc - Northbrook
Sanchez	Beth	Highwood Library
Santos	Aurora	Highwood Library
Schildkraut	Kathy	South Lake County Regional CERT
Scott	Kate	LCHD MRC
Segal	Jason	LCEMA Volunteer
Seidner	Christine	LCEMA Volunteer
Severance	Margaret	Mundelein CERT
Sklansky	Jordan	LCEMA Volunteer
Slominski	Mery	Highland Park CERT
Sly	Bob	South Lake County Regional CERT
Sowers	Bill	Mundelein CERT
Spiedel	Patrick	South Lake County Regional CERT
Spiros	Luanne	CERT Assoc - Milton Township
Spitilli	Gail	CERT Assoc - New Lenox
Stackhouse	Rod	Buffalo Grove CERT
Stanislawski	Hank	South Lake County Regional CERT

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Stephen	Jay	Waukegan CERT
Stern	Chuck	Highland Park CERT
Swanson	Fred	Fremont CERT
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Thoss	Susan	South Lake County Regional CERT
Trusheim	Beth	Grundy Co COAD
Van Bladel	Teresa	Round Lake Beach EMA
Van Bladel	Terri	Round Lake Beach EMA
Vance-Crow	Kevin	CERT Assoc - New Lennox
Velez	Antonio	CERT Assoc - Chicago CERT
Venditti	Amy	South Lake County Regional CERT
Verratti	Diane	Waukegan CERT
Wagner	John	South Lake County Regional CERT
Walker	Anne	Fremont CERT
Walker Hakeem	Ramla	Waukegan CERT
Weisblatt	Anne	LCHD MRC
Weisz	Dave	South Lake County Regional CERT
Wieser	Joseph	Buffalo Grove CERT
Williams	Carrie	CERT Assoc - New Lennox
Wilson	Richard	Buffalo Grove CERT
Winston	Sheree	Buffalo Grove CERT
Wyke	Jeff	Highland Park CERT
Young	Vanessa	Waukegan CERT
Zapata	Julian	Waukegan CERT
Zarinana	Dorris	LARC (Translator)
Zillman	Jill	Fremont CERT



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...and last,

Good evening,

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a follow up to the cardiac arrest that occurred at the recent Long Grove festival, and acknowledge how much **CERT makes a difference** in our communities. During the strawberry festival 6/26 in Long Grove, a 52-year-old male collapsed and was found in cardiac arrest. Prior to the short response and arrival time by LGFD, there were several medics there with their families who stopped and helped this man. Off duty LGFD Paramedic Billy Eisner immediately responded, along with Paramedic Tim Strok from Inverness and Wheeling Paramedic Nick Brehmer, who all began working on this patient. It is my understanding that the **CERT team responded immediately, with lifesaving equipment**. Soon after LGFD responded and worked the patient, they achieved ROSC (return of spontaneous circulation). The patient was transported to NCH who currently is stable, alert, appropriate. He is out of the ICU, stable and doing well at this time. **Kudos to the CERT Team, ever ready and always present at community events. Their quick actions made a difference in the outcome for this patient.** Indeed, it does seem to take a village as everyone works together to save someone's life. What an extraordinary group of individuals, off duty medics enjoying a festival with their family, the **CERT team**, who are a constant at these events, EMS and Hospital staff, all coming together to positively impact the life of someone who was also out enjoying the festival before his collapse.

Once again, the reason this patient is doing well and able to be with his family, is from the immediate responses by off duty medics just enjoying their day, the CERT team being present and having lifesaving equipment immediately available, along with the excellent actions and interventions by the LGFD and the exceptional care by the ED & Hospital Multi-Disciplinary Teams. Great job by all, it certainly does take a village. Not sure if there was anyone else on who was involved directly in this patient's care. If so, please pass along our gratitude and appreciation for all they did so that this patient can also enjoy this week-end with his family.

What did strike me besides the very good outcome thus far, is something that John Jaworski, BC and EMS Coordinator at LGFD said, "that he also liked that Billy's son could see his Dad be a hero". I suspect the other family members and loved ones who saw their Dads or Moms jump into action and be that hero, it must be an extraordinary feeling for them. **YOU** are all heroes to the patient's loved ones, especially when those patients are able to come home again. Thank you all. Well done.

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