Class Descriptions at a Glance

Communications Basics: This class will provide a basic knowledge of radios normally available to CERT Teams. Proper radio etiquette will be discussed. Channel selections, command and control techniques will be outlined. Message sending and tracking will be reviewed.

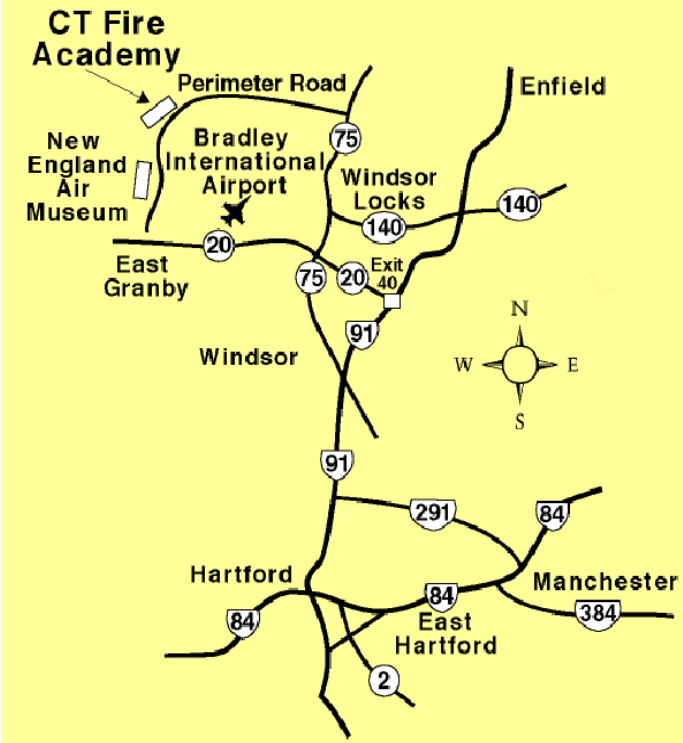
WebEOC: As a member of CERT you may be asked during an emergency to work in a municipality's EOC as a data-entry clerk on WebEOC. This class will teach you all the necessary tools to use this web-based application.

Downed power lines/ & Gas leak issues overview: Presented by ***CL&P technicians***, this overview will cover the following topics: overview of electricity, the electric system and typical electric equipment, back-feeds, step and touch potential hazards, effects of electrical contact, wires down safety precautions and CL&P's graded priority response system (Priority 1/2/3 System). ***Yankee Gas technicians*** will present an overview of topics covering escaping gas hazard protocols that civilians should follow when confronted by this type of event.

Shelter Fundamentals: Presented by the ***Red Cross***: Our commitment as shelter workers is to take care of the sheltering needs of people affected by disaster. This class will prepare you to assist in the tasks of a shelter worker throughout the opening, organizing, operating and closing phases of a shelter. You will review the sheltering checklists, lean how to complete appropriate registration forms, set up and monitor the dormitory, set up food distribution areas and return the shelter to its pre-disaster condition. As the end of the class real shelter scenarios will be discussed.

Directions to the Connecticut Fire Academy

34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069



I-91 north or south to exit 40 (Route 20, Bradley Connector). Follow Route 20 west 1.7 miles to the exit for Route 75. Take a right off the exit onto Route 75 North and follow 2.5 miles. Take a left onto Perimeter Road (see sign for the CT Fire Academy and the New England Air Museum). Continue 1.4 miles to the Academy which will be on your right. Parking is available at the rear of the building. **[41.946183, -72.686586]**

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CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

8TH Annual CERT Training Program

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

November 16, 2013

34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096-1069

To register: Go on line to this website :

www.ct.gov/demhs—click on Calendar and follow instructions.

CERT Training Program Class

8:00-8:30 Sign-in.

No on-site registrations

8:30-8:45 Opening Remarks-Auditorium

9:00-11:45 Communications Basics

(class & fieldwork)

9:00-11:45 Shelter Fundamentals (part 1)

11:45-1:00 Working LUNCH

1:00-4:00 WebEOC hands-on training

(limited to the first 40 registrants)

1:00-4:00 Communications Basics

(class & fieldwork)

1:00—2:00 Shelter Fundamentals (part 2)

Please note: All attendees must contact their respective CERT Team leaders and request that a "Approval of activation of Community Emergency Response Teams Under Title 28 form be completed and forwarded to the DEMHS Regional Coordinator prior to their participation.

This activation form must be completed and sent two (2) weeks prior to the program (*Deadline of November 1, 2013*).

There are be no on-site registrations permitted for this program.

About CERT

Introduction:

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. However, 100 people lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and can be prevented through training.

If we can predict that emergency services will not meet immediate needs following a major disaster, especially if there is no warning as in an earthquake, and people will spontaneously volunteer, what can government do to prepare citizens for this eventuality?

First, present citizens the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services. Second, give the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness. Third, train them in needed life saving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Fourth, organize teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.