

NEWSLETTER

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Sudbury Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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CERT PRESENCE AT RAYTHEON “OUR PEOPLE” WEEK:

Barbara Bahlkow (CERT Co-chairperson) reported that on July 22, Raytheon, Inc. of Sudbury held “Our People Week” for their employees with a community outreach component. Sudbury CERT was invited and was represented by Fire Chief Kenneth MacLean, Cert Chairperson Richard Simon, and Co-chairperson Barbara Bahlkow. Employee Resource Groups in the Northeast were represented to provide a resourceful network and promote personal and professional development for Raytheon employees.

Featured exhibits and displays were: Library, Bible Study, Blood Pressure Screening, American Red Cross (collection for flood victims), Back to School Backpack Program (with donations and items for needy children), employee hobby displays, dance and demo lessons, Chessman, Ask the Leaders panel discussions, Passport applications, a climbing wall team bicycle assembly (bicycles donated to charity), Basketball Challenge, BC/BS, Security—“Project Shield America,” Family Emergency Preparedness, local Fire and Police, and much, much more.

The CERT table displayed a 72-Hour Emergency Kit (Go-Bag), CERT helmets and backpacks (we wore our vests). We distributed many brochures, talked to hundreds of employees about CERT and encouraged them to join either in Sudbury or their own town.

Everyone enjoyed the luncheon, where we were introduced to and ate with Raytheon Administration staff members.

Music for everyone’s enjoyment was provided by Sarah Clark (harpist) and Berkshire Hills Music Academy band, with vocalists. It was an excellent community outreach effort for Raytheon employees, and Sudbury CERT was honored to be part of it.

FUNDING:

Donna Appel is assisting in our fund -raising efforts.

SHELTER SIMULATION COURSE CERTIFICATES:

A Shelter Simulation course, presented by the Red Cross, was held on June 28, at the Senior Center. Those who participated will receive their certificates from Beth Whitlock (ARC Sudbury Liaison and CERT member) at the September 10 CERT meeting.

OTHER SHELTER NEWS:

Barbara is still working with the Eagle Scout candidate, Troop 63, to finalize his project with Sheltering. We now have a much improved inventory of food and supplies at the Fairbank Shelter.

MEETING DATES:

Meetings scheduled to date for 2008 are as follows:

September 10 (see p. 2) October 8
November 12 December 15 (a Monday)

OUTREACH:

Meeting notices, Minutes, and the CERT Newsletter are available, along with the following, on the Town Website at: www.sudbury.ma.us/committees/cert:

- Information brochure on CERT
- Information brochure on Emergency Preparedness
- CERT Volunteer Application
- CERT “Wanted Poster” information sheet
- CERT Meeting Minutes

Please mention this availability when speaking to anyone about emergency preparedness or CERT. The Wanted Poster and some CERT Brochures were supplied to offices of the Town Clerk, Tax Dept., and Assessors, and are also at the Library. See Application & Poster appended hereto for your use.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Our September meeting is a significant TRAINING event for all our CERT members, and the MRC will be invited. We will begin reviewing the Incident Command System (ICS). During our CERT formal training, we only touched on ICS. ICS is a system used to manage emergency efforts and is flexible, responding, in real time, to the demands of an emergency. Over several CERT meetings, we will learn more about the first ICS course, ICS-100, which introduces the Incident Command System and provides the foundation for higher-level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System, or NIMS.

We are planning a do-it-yourself ICS-100 course. I will team teach with a few CERT members and others, possibly including a special guest. After we finish our exploration of ICS-100, each member can take the ICS-100 exam. I understand that a 75% enables you to pass the course and receive a beautiful FEMA certificate, compliments of the Internet and your own printer.

In addition to the ICS training, we will begin discussion on a fall Simulated Call Up Shelter Practice.

So, mark the September 10 meeting on your calendar, and have some great fun while improving your CERT skills. Stay tuned for more information on this. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Richard Simon

Sudbury CERT Team Leader

There is a plethora of information on the **FEMA** Website (www.fema.gov). The following interesting info is excerpted:

Rescuing Animals in Disasters

Smart Practices Spotlight

Burke County, North Carolina
Los Angeles County, California

Summary: During an emergency or disaster, taking care of large animals requires advance planning and workers that know how to handle and move animals to safety. Burke County Emergency Services developed a rescue plan and sponsored training for emergency workers. In Los Angeles County in California, the Department of Animal Care and Control organized and trained the LA County Equine Response Team.

It happens every time there's a major disaster. Animals are left behind and their owners are desperate to save them. Many take their own lives in their hands to rescue their pets or evacuate their livestock, making response operations every more difficult for emergency management and responders.

That's why state and local governments across the country are including animal rescue and evacuation operations in their disaster planning. Take North Carolina, for example. Thousands of animals died and hundreds of others had to be rescued as a result of the flooding caused by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Randy McKinney, assistant director of Burke County Emergency Services, was part of a swift water rescue team that was sent in to work in that disaster. "After we finished rescuing people, they asked us to rescue animals," he said. "And we were at a loss. In a flood, you just don't put a large animal in the boat with you."

After Hurricane Floyd, McKinney said, the state asked all the counties to update their emergency operations plans to include policies and procedures for rescuing animals in disasters or emergencies.

That meant identifying agencies that should be involved and who needed to be contacted, including a call-down list of veterinarians that work with large animals. Burke County Emergency Services decided to do more, organizing three-days of large-animal rescue training for emergency workers. They learned about equipment needed to extricate animals from precarious situations, medications that can be utilized to calm traumatized animals and generally how to behave around animals in distress.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control established the LA County Equine Response Team, which is made up of experienced volunteers who are trained and ready to help the department evacuate large animals during emergency situations. Team members have to complete an extensive large animal handling training program and learn how to work with frightened animals in difficult situations. Putting together the Equine Response Team involved two years of intense development and the cooperation and involvement of staff not only from the Department of Animal Care and Control, but the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, Risk Management, the California Highway Patrol and county attorneys.

Smart Practices Spotlight highlights practices and ideas that members of the emergency management and responder community have found useful and effective; they are not necessarily advocated or endorsed by FEMA. For more information about these initiatives, contact Randy McKinney, Burke County Emergency Services, at 828-433-6609 and Kaye Michelson, LA County Animal Care and Control, 562-940-8909.

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PEOPLE

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

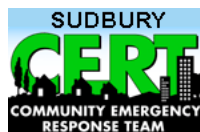
To be trained in knowing the right steps to take when helping yourself or your family in times of emergency, and to learn effective methods of assisting first responders.

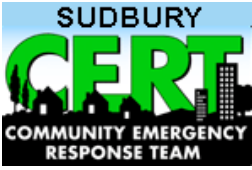
VOLUNTEER AREA: EXAMPLE:

Shelter Operations: During severe storms, et al.
Emergency Dispensing Sites: Pandemic Flu inoculations
Deployment: Search & Rescue
Medical / Triage: At disaster sites or shelters
Educate Others: Outreach to citizens
Training: Train members & residents
Organization: Fund raising, Documents
Media: Public relations

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CERT Chair Richard Simon: CERT@sudbury.town.ma
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SUDBURY CERT
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
fire@town.sudbury.ma.us

Please print or type

Name		
Street Address (mailing)		
City	State	Zip
Day Phone	Evening Phone	Cell Phone
Email		Fax #
Do you give permission to be included on our email list? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Do you have any specific emergency preparedness/response training? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please explain:	What non-emergency skills & experience do you have? (Please be specific—all skills are needed.)	
<u>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:</u>		
Name:	TEL.#	
Relationship:		
<u>OUT OF STATE CONTACT:</u>		
Name:	TEL.#	
<u>CERT ACTIVATION BEST TEL. #:</u>		
<u>Degrees; Licenses; Certifications (w/Registration Numbers):</u>		<u>Do you speak a foreign language?</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If so, please list.
Do you have access to a 4-wheel drive Van, SUV, or Truck? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Level of Participation Desired: I prefer to be:		
<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE Receive notifications of ALL training opportunities, training drills & exercises, emergency events, as well as non-emergency volunteer opportunities. <input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED Receive only notification of training drills & exercises and all emergency events. <input type="checkbox"/> Areas where I cannot / do not wish to participate: _____		
Are you willing to assist in Emergency Preparedness (educational outreach)?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you willing to assist with Emergency Response?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
How often (monthly, quarterly, other) are you able to meet?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Are you willing to take specialized courses?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Do you have an emergency plan in place for yourself & the people you care about?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If you have pets, are they included in your plans?..... Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION
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For advanced or confidential operations, are you willing to allow the Sudbury Fire Department to conduct a background check? Yes No
I do hereby give Region 4a Community Emergency Response Team permission to release personal information to local, state, and federal emergency management agencies and other emergency services agencies as needed.

Date of Birth ____/____/____ **Signature:** _____

SS# _____ **Driver's Lic. #:** _____

Date: _____

Location Preference for Responding (Check all that apply):

Your town only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Region 4a	<input type="checkbox"/>	New England	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere in the U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surrounding Towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	State	<input type="checkbox"/>	East Coast	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere in The World	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signature	Date:
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Privacy Act Statement: This information is requested by Sudbury Community Emergency Response Team and is for the purpose of organizing volunteers and staff to respond to public emergencies. It will not be utilized or released for any other purpose without your express written permission unless required by law, and all information will be kept in a secure manner.

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