



Steele County CERT News

19-Aug-2024

August Meeting

The regular CERT meeting scheduled for Wed, 21-Aug, **WILL NOT BE HELD**. We look forward to seeing you at the CERT picnic on Sat, 24-Aug.

CERT Picnic

The pavilion at Gainey Park has been reserved for a CERT picnic. Gainey Park is on Selby Ave, just north Lemond Road. The park is handicap accessible with rest rooms.

Active CERT members (plus 1) are invited. If you received this "CERT News" directly, you are considered an "Active CERT Member".

PLEASE RSVP to:

Thomas.Karnauskas@SteeleCountyMN.gov

to ensure we have enough food and drinks.

We will gather starting about 11:00. Bob Beier will staff the grill around 12:00 with burgers and hot dogs. Drinks and snacks will also be provided.

We ask (but not required) everyone to "BYOB", bring along your CERT bag (or bags). The contents of CERT bags issued at the end of the CERT training changed over time. Many CERT members over time added to their bag or may have additional bags ready to go. This is a good opportunity for everyone to share what works for them with CERT members.

We hope to see you there and hopefully see some folks we haven't seen in a while.

CPR Training

Megan Norbeck led a CPR training on 06-Aug. We opened the training to all of the volunteer groups (CERT, SKYWARN, RACES) with a total of 9 participants taking advantage of the opportunity.



Steele County Free Fair

Steele County Emergency Management shared a booth with Steele County Public Health. The booth was supported by volunteers from CERT, SKYWARN, and OSCAR. A little more rain than desired over the early part of the fair. Thank you to the CERT volunteers:

Phil Parker, Jean Reese, Mike Conrad, Bonnie Johnson, Arthur Bartholomew.

Phil, Jean, and Mike covered multiple time slots.

There were a couple of inquiries from individuals wanting to know more about CERT. They will be contacted next week.

CERT Trainer Qualification

If you have an interest in being a qualified CERT trainer, there is a “local” opportunity to participate in the CERT Train-the-Trainer course. I’m not sure if space remains available for the CERT Train-The-Trainer class next month in St. Louis Park.

The class will be held September 20 - 22 in St. Louis Park. The course is Friday evening, all-day Saturday, and all-day Sunday. Students must complete the full course to receive certification. A minimum class size is 8 and the maximum class size is 20.

Please register by 01-Sep-2024 by email to:

hsem.volunteerresources.dps@state.mn.us

Include your emailing name, position, CERT Program name.

The training is also available online. The virtual classes are available on a national basis. Because of the national audience, getting accepted can be more difficult.

EMI Virtual [K0428 CERT Train-the-Trainer \(T-T-T\) Course](#) dates:

- September 10 – 19, 2024 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- November 5-14, 2024 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- January 7-16, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- February 11-20, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- March 4-14, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- May 13-22, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- July 8-17, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)

Register to take this course at <https://training.fema.gov/emicourses>.

AMEM Conference

Kristen, Megan, and Tom will be attending the annual Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM) scheduled for Sep 15-18.

Additional Activities

Several months ago, we discussed what type of activities we should plan to complete in the future. The list of items is included below. We would like to know what the group feels should be the next several topics we should be planning. What are YOU interested in.

You can send your opinions to
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Or maybe we can chat in person at the picnic.

Training Topics	Source
ARMER Radio Communications	
Bloodborne Pathogen	
CERT Animal Response I	CERT Supplemental
CERT Animal Response II	CERT Supplemental
CERT Emergency Communications	CERT Supplemental
CERT Exercise Swaps	CERT Supplemental
CERT Firefighter Rehab	CERT Supplemental
CERT Flood Response	CERT Supplemental
CERT Hazard Annex	CERT Supplemental
CERT Tools for Leadership Success	CERT Supplemental
CERT Traffic and Crowd Management	CERT Supplemental
CPR/AED Review/ Practice	SCEM
Damage Assessment	
Forms Review	
Search and Rescue - Farm	
Search and Rescue Tabletop Exercise	SCEM
Shelter Exercise	
Tourniquets	
Triage Review	