



Steele County CERT News

07-Oct-2024

October Meeting

The regular CERT meeting scheduled for Wed, 16-Oct, **WILL NOT BE HELD**. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Wed, 20-Nov.

OHS Homecoming Parade

Many thanks to Deborah B, Phillip P, Tom T, and Bonnie J for assisting with crowd control. It looks like there was a good turnout of spectators. Protecting children grabbing for candy is always exciting.

CERT Train-the-Trainer

Congratulations to Kristen Sailer for completing the CERT T-T-T course last month. After being out of town for the AMEM Conference, she committed to the in-person course the following weekend. Thank you, Kristen, for the personal commitment.

CERT Trainer Qualification

If you have an interest in being a qualified CERT trainer, there are multiple opportunities to complete the CERT Train-the-Trainer course. The training is 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>.

Additional Activities

One item the group previously expressed was a need for opportunities to be active as a group. If you look at the summary below, we seem to be achieving that objective.

You can send your suggestions to:

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Training / Activity Topic	Schedule	Status
Crowd / Traffic Control	15-May-2024	Completed
CPR / AED	06-Aug-2024	Completed
Steele County Free Fair	13-Aug-2024 through 18-Aug-2024	Completed
CERT Social Picnic	24-Aug-2024	Completed
CERT Bag Comparison	24-Aug-2024	Completed
Radio Communication	18-Sep-2024	Completed
OHS Homecoming Parade	04-Oct-2024	Completed
Owatonna Holiday Parade	06-Dec-2024	Tentative
CPKC Holiday Train	??-Dec-2024	Tentative
CERT New Member Class	11-Feb-2025 thru 13-Mar-2025	Tentative
SKYWARN Spotter Training	18-Mar-2025	Tentative
OSCAR Amateur Radio License	25-Mar-2025 thru 17-Apr-2025	Tentative
Wenger Band Festival	??-Jun-2025	Tentative
Steele County Free Fair	12-Aug-2025 thru 17-Aug-2025	Tentative
Suggested Training Topics		
Animal Care		
Bloodborne Pathogen		
Damage Assessment		
First Aid Refresher		
Forms Review		
Search and Rescue – Table Top		
Search and Rescue - Field		
Stop the Bleed; Tourniquets		
Shelter Exercise		
Triage Review		
Supplemental CERT Modules		
CERT Emergency Communications		
CERT Firefighter Rehab		
CERT Flood Response		
CERT Traffic and Crowd Management		
CERT Tools for Leadership Success		
CERT Exercise Swaps		
CERT Hazard Annex (natural disasters)		