



2023 CERT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



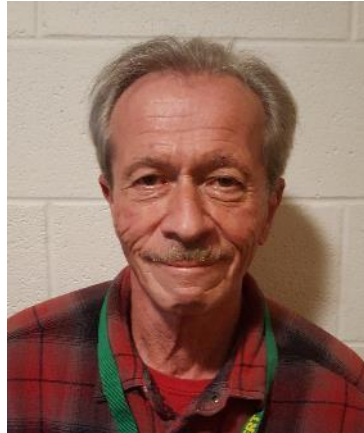
Des Moines County Emergency Management Agency

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CERT Officers and Board of Directors



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Captain



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CERT Academy



Free CERT Training in West Burlington

Saturday – November 6th and November 13th, 2021
8:00 AM to 5:00 each day



Training Location and Schedule

Saturday, November 6th

Training Location: West Burlington
Fire Department
301 Broadway West Burlington, IA
Training topics: Disaster Preparedness
Fire Safety and Medical

Saturday, November 13th

Training Location: West Burlington
Fire Department
301 Broadway West Burlington, IA
Training topics: CERT Organization,
Terrorism, Disaster Psychology and Light
Search and Rescue

Registration is open from September 12th to November 1st 2021

To register or for more information on the CERT program please visit:

www.dmcounty.com/EMA

Or contact Cindy Bowen at the
Emergency Management Agency Office
(319) 753-8206 or cbowen@dmcounty.com



Classes are free! You must be 14 or older (*if under 18 parental consent is required*) and attend all training sessions during both days.

There is no obligation to join the CERTeam or other volunteer organization. However, individuals wishing to join **Des Moines County CERT** must submit to a background check.

The CERT program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations. At its core is the philosophy of neighbor helping neighbor.

Participants in the program are given the tools and training they need to help themselves, their families, neighborhoods and communities.

You do not need to join CERT in order to take the training; you, your family and your community will be the better just from your receiving the skills and knowledge from the training classes.

In 95% of all emergencies bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue.



Will you know what to do?

Disaster Preparedness
Disaster Psychology
Disaster Medical Operations 1
Disaster Medical Operations 2
CERT Organization
Fire Safety & Utility Control
Terrorism & CERT
Light Search & Rescue

CERT Academy 2023



Team Building Exercise

Fire Safety



Search and Rescue & Cribbing



Disaster Medical



Welcome New CERT Member

Trinity Nuss

Training and Exercises

- Training events are an excellent opportunity for CERT members to **practice, assess, and improve** emergency response plans and have hands-on operations while engaging volunteers and refreshing the concepts and skills learned in the CERT Academy.
- CERT exercises are developed according to national guidelines and principles outlined by the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. CERT programs must tailor their exercises to reflect **realistic events** that may impact their community and **practice skills** they will likely use the most.

FY 2023 CERT Events

- ▶ Danville Fish Fry & Fireworks
- ▶ West Burlington 4th of July
- ▶ A Very Vintage Market
- ▶ DMC Fair
- ▶ National Night Out
- ▶ RTF Training Exercise
- ▶ EMA Trian Derailment Exercise
- ▶ Youth Triathlon
- ▶ Comm"UNITY" Day
- ▶ WB Homecoming Parade
- ▶ Big Hollow Trick-or-Treat
- ▶ Alzheimer's Walk
- ▶ Weather Spotter Course
- ▶ Downtown Trick or Treat
- ▶ Safe Trick-or-Treat
- ▶ Holiday Lighted Parade
- ▶ Shamrock Shuffle
- ▶ BCSD Suicide Awareness Walk
- ▶ Courthouse Security Exercise
- ▶ Master Gardner's Plant Sale
- ▶ Big Hollow Youth Jamboree
- ▶ CERT Training
- ▶ Snake Alley Art Fair
- ▶ Danville Fish Fry

CERT Events



Comm"UNITY" Day



National Night Out



Community Foundations Awards Ceremony



Weather Spotter Class

CERT Statistics 2023

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CERT Volunteer Info FY 2023

- ▶ Meetings and Events: **53**
- ▶ Total Volunteer Hours: **561**
- ▶ Total CERT Members: **12**
- ▶ New CERT members: **1**

Radio Checks and Siren Tests

DMC CERT conducts monthly radio checks. This is a great opportunity for CERT members to practice using their radios and check in with Radio Ops.

DMC CERT also conducts monthly tests of the outdoor warning sirens at 6 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. All sirens, except Mediapolis, sound for 2 minutes, stop for 5 minutes, then sound again briefly until they are shut down.

County Locations

- West Burlington - SCC
- West Burlington - WBFD
- Mediapolis
- Yarmouth
- Middletown

Burlington Locations

- West Avenue
- Shields
- Ash
- City Hall
- James Madison School
- Grove Street
- Sunnyside

Note: IAAP also takes this opportunity to test their sirens during our monthly tests. Danville also tests their sirens during this time, but are controlled by city officials, not SKYWARN and DESCOM.

Goals for FY 2024

- ▶ Grow CERT team membership (recruitment)
- ▶ Increase partnership with first responders in Des Moines County
- ▶ Continue to update all members to Basic Life Support (BLS)

Thank you for continuing to volunteer for your community! Without volunteer assistance, many of the programs that you assist with would not be successful!

When you put on the CERT vest, you are taking time out of your own busy personal schedule to serve your community and help keep everyone safe. That selfless act is applauded.

Keep up your great work and be safe!

2023 Volunteer Awards and Recognitions

- DMC CERT Length of Service
- Volunteer(s) of the Year Award



**The 2023 *Jeanette Gallagher*
Volunteer of the Year Award
Goes To...**

2023 CERT Volunteer of the Year!



Kela Lehman

dedicated fundraise thanks christmas fund bc children's hospital helped the best
genuine because of you awesome work helping
supporting the community food bank inspiring wonderful work
heart and soul coaches work greatest people
passion improve time teachers students help merci beaucoup
caring place spca success community world
great example senior homes saving lives a million thanks
contribute extracurricular activities special volunteers
thankful greatly appreciated better