

September 2007

CERT Members



By now you have seen the newspaper articles and press coverage regarding statewide property tax reform and our need to trim the City budget. We have trimmed many aspects of the Fire Rescue budget including portions of the C.E.R.T. program. We have eliminated our recruitment efforts and we will not be conducting classes to train new C.E.R.T. members during fiscal year 2007-2008. We will maintain our current membership with meetings and training opportunities at the frequency of four times a year. We appreciate your time and commitment to serve in our C.E.R.T. program, and to serve our community. Stay active and stay safe.

Thomas R. Wood, CFO
Fire Chief



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The Responder

It's Meeting Time

Semi Annual Meeting And Dinner

****Registration Required****

Date: Monday, October 15, 2007

Time: Check In / Dinner - 5:45-6:45

Meeting - 7-9pm

Location - T-Rex Cafeteria and Auditorium

5000 T-Rex Avenue

See page 5 for menu !



Meeting Topic:
Disaster Planning for Community
And Business



The New Team Leaders

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as one of the new CERT Team Leader Coordinators. My name is Ken White and I am the Team Leader for Zone 2. My wife and I graduated from the CERT Program in the spring of 2006 and became active in the continuing education CERT classes and the Team Leadership meetings. We quickly realized the impact this program had within the community and how much we enjoyed being a part of this important organization. Earlier this year as the opportunity presented itself, I decided to increase my involvement by stepping up to the Team Lead position for Zone 2. More recently, when Barbara Kasser decided to relinquish the Team Leader Coordinator role, I was one of three people who stepped forward and volunteered to share the duties of this position. If you haven't heard yet, your new Team Leader Coordinator position is now filled with three people - Nick Zordan, Dana Galloway, and myself.

As more and more responsibilities are transitioned from Barbara to us and we learn more about the duties of this position, our individual roles will become clearer. For now, I will be the main focal point for the volunteer CERT organization and will work with Frank Correggio for over all coordination and communication tasks. Nick and Dana will assist as the nature of the activity dictates. Nick is very good at computers and radios and will take the leadership on these topics. Since Dana is excellent with supporting the CERT program from behind the scenes, she will take the lead with documentation and administrative activities. All three of us will reach out to the CERT Team Leaders to communicate information, solicit assistance, and initially direct activities, as needed.

Fortunately for all of us, we have not experienced any hurricanes so this season. However, we can not allow ourselves to get complacent. We need to use this quiet time to get prepared. Doing this now is much better than after you've been activated and the pressure is on. So I ask, each of you, to pull out your CERT backpack and check out the contents. Make sure that everything is in working order, that you have replaced all your old batteries, and that you have everything you need. Also, take the time to call your Zone Leader just to say hi, to demonstrate that you are still involved, and to discuss your CERT communication and disaster plan. We all need to be prepared on short notice to serve our community, whether it be for a hurricane or a planned city wide event. There is no better time than now to get ready and get engaged.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming semi-annual meeting in October. Until then, if you have any questions on how to get engaged, who your Zone Leader is, or if you just want to talk, please feel free to contact me on via email at whiteken@us.ibm.com or by phone at 561-338-7494."

Stay Safe

Ken

Team Leaders, Continued

Nicola Zordan
Boca Raton CERT Co-Team Leader Coordinator

Together with Ken White and Dana Galloway I will help to coordinate the activities of the CERT team in Boca Raton.

I will strive to maintain the communication and livelihood of the CERT team. I will offer to maintain and update the list of Boca Raton CERT team members and zone assignment.

As a work on this direction I am preparing a mapping web site where it is possible to view the Boca Raton CERT zones, Zones team members, Zone leaders, Zones disaster plans, Radio assignment, and forms.

Also we could use the site to facilitate the Radio Check and communication by emailing zone members or team leaders.

I am also a Radio Amateur (Ham) and I would try to organize as much as possible the CERT emergency communication using Ham Radio, and the common FRS radio among team members, with the help of the experts we have in our team like Ron Diego and Clem Storch.

I think that to keep our CERT volunteers active and involved we need to engage them to be an active part of this effort in emergency response, with the help of the Fire Department and our ingenuity.

Please come up and say hello when we get together at the semi-annual meeting. All the best.
Nicola

Hello Fellow CERT Members,

As a new Co-Team Leader Coordinator, I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not already know me. I belong to Zone 10, and work as the assistant to Co-Team Leader Susan Sosin. I am also known as "10 Bravo" and magical1@bellsouth.net. One of my absolute favorite things to do is to participate in CERT and I am happy to be of service in any way that I am able to. Although my part as Co-Team Leader Coordinator is minor in comparison to Ken's and Nick's, it has already required a lot of time and effort to get up to speed. I always thought that Barbara Kasser was the shining star of Boca Raton CERT, but only when I've tried to fill her very elegant shoes have I come to a much greater appreciation for the phenomenal work that she has done for all of us for all of these years!

When I am not engaging in CERT activities, I am a full-time student at FAU. As a returning student, I have found that I often have professors that are much younger than me! My majors are Criminology and Nursing, both fascinating, with wonderfully current information. Although public speaking is not my strongest suit, I will share with CERT some of the most up-to-the minute health and safety information, as I receive it. Over the summer I took two nursing classes, and I learned things that I never dreamed about before (such as about tuberculosis incidence, prevention, and care; and safety precautions that every traveler should take before they go to a foreign country). I had to compose an "aesthetic expression" of my personal reflections on any topic covered in the course. The course was called "Nursing Situations with Individuals, Groups, and Communities". I felt I needed to share a little of my CERT experience with my class-mates, and now I will share it with you. I hope you will enjoy, and I'm looking forward to meeting with all of my fellow CERT members at the Semi-Annual Meeting!

With my best regards,
Dana Galloway

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Passing the Torch

Barbara Kasser

In the last few months, I've been busy with several work projects. I've missed classes, graduations, meetings and other important CERT functions because I've been stuck in offices, hotels and airports. The calendar looks equally as busy for the coming months.

I talked over my situation with Frank Correggio. It was a difficult conversation. As you all know, my CERT family is important to me. Yet, I felt my current schedule was not allowing me to give the proper attention to CERT. I needed to realign my CERT duties.

I've passed the Team Leader Coordinator "torch" to three great CERT members: Ken White, Nick Zourdan and Dana Galloway. These three are committed to Boca Raton CERT. Under their care, our program will continue to be the best of the best. I am still the Team Leader for Zone 7 and CERT's unofficial "Weathergirl" and storm reporter.

It has been my honor being our team leader coordinator and I want to thank everyone for supporting me and supporting our CERT family and program. Please join me in honoring our new coordinators for their commitment and offering them your support. Stay safe and keep your eyes on the weather. I will see you at the semi annual meeting in October.



BOCA RATON FIRE RESCUE SERVICES



Semi Annual Meeting Monday, October 15, 2007

Location: 5000 T-Rex Avenue (On the T-Rex Property)
Directions: Take Yamato Road West past I-95. At T-Rex Avenue make a left and follow the CERT signs to the meeting.
Time: ** Dinner / Registration: 5:45-6:45pm
Meeting: 7-9pm



*****Dinner is served at 5:45pm*****

Tossed Green Salad with fresh vegetables and a choice of dressings

Plump Fresh Chicken Francese with Rice, Broccoli, Carrots and Cauliflower

Desert: Fresh Baked Sheet Cakes – vanilla or chocolate, your choice

Beverages: Fountain Sodas

Please plan to attend. It is a great time to see old friends and meet our new members.

Please call ASAP to reserve your place.

****You must RSVP No later then Monday, October 1, 2007 if you plan on attending ****
Contact Frank Correggio @ fcorreggio@ci.boca-raton.fl.us or call 982-4012

CPR Classes Available

Submitted by Sandi Geil, Boca Raton Community Hospital

Community Emergency Response Team members have the opportunity to take Heartsaver AED and Family and Friends CPR classes FREE of charge. You must identify yourself as a CERT member to waive the class charge. To register for class, call 561-955-4468

All other classes offered at the hospital are subject to applicable charges.

Heartsaver AED

Monday, September 10, 2007 or

Monday, October 22, 2007 or

Monday, November 5, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: 6500 Congress Avenue #200, Boca Raton - NEW FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Description: The Heartsaver AED Course teaches the basic techniques of adult and child CPR and use of an AED. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR and giving first aid for choking. The course teaches how to recognize the signs of 4 major emergencies: heart attack, stroke, cardiac arrest, and foreign-body air way obstruction. An American Heart Association course completion card is issued. Books are available for purchase at Book Smart (561-394-6085) in Oaks Plaza.

Family and Friends CPR

Monday, September 24, 2007 or

Monday, October 29, 2007 or

Monday, November 26, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: 6500 Congress Avenue #200, Boca Raton - NEW FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Description: The Family and Friends CPR course provides instruction in Adult/Child/Infant CPR and giving first aid for choking. Students also learn about using barrier devices in CPR. The course teaches how to recognize the

Its Nice To Be Back

By Frank Correggio

As you have heard I will be heading up the CERT program once again. With strain on the City's budget we were forced to cancel the remaining CERT classes for this year. Fire Chief Tom Wood has given us the go ahead to hold four meetings and Chief Metcalf has given the OK to put in a couple of continuing education classes. I will be taking care of maintaining the program and keeping things running. With your help and support our program will continue to be the best in the state. Please don't let this minor distraction take you off course. We must remain strong and willing to do what is necessary to keep our program. We are at our best when things are at their worst. If you think this is the worst thing that could happen then I challenge you to step up and be at your best. For those who don't think it's the worst, then continue to be at your best. We must stay together and be strong. Please join me in welcoming our new Team Leader Coordinators, thank Barbara Kasser and welcome the new challenges ahead. I will see you all at the semi annual meeting where we will talk more. **Be there!** Stay Safe..... *Frank*



From left to right: Jack Pernatin, David Holman, Naomi Rockfield, Alan Helft, Bernice Staub, Vicki Bronfman, Christian Weiss, Lily Helft, Louis Oporto, Sheldon Farber, Carolyn Metcalf, Bonnie Silbert, Shel Silbert, Camille McDavitt, Frank Martin, Kathy Lynch, Marty Frankel, Barry Stein, Seymour Margolis



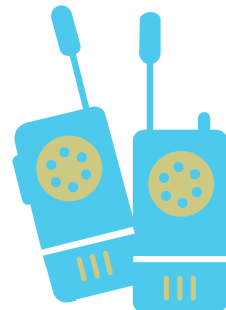
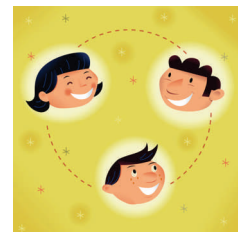
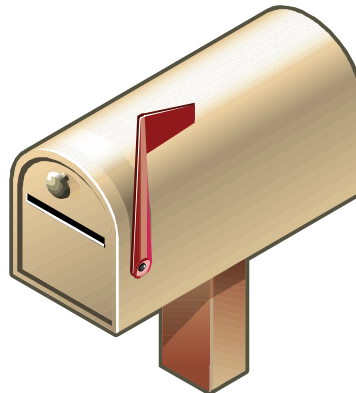
Calling all Team Leaders

Please make sure you contact your **new** team members



Calling all new Team Members.....

Please make sure you get in contact with your team leaders.....



Spread the Cheer... Volunteer!!

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Community Emergency Response Team

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INFORMATION IS THE KEY

Has your email address, phone number or home address changed?

Do you have a friend in our program that has moved?

Your help is needed to keep our member list current and our mailing cost down.

Information is vital to help keep our program running smoothly.

And we want to make sure you are kept up to date on what is going on with CERT.

Send your updated information to

cert@myboca.us

In the subject area please put **INFO UPDATE**

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