

Gerrish Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

(Presentation to Gerrish Township ACT NOW - 18 Sep 2017)



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BACKGROUND

- CERT concept developed & implemented by Los Angeles City Fire Dept. in 1985 after Whittier Narrows earthquake.
- CERTs established in hundreds of communities worldwide.
- Gerrish Township (GT) CERT
 - *Established 2004*
 - *40+ members originally trained*
 - *14 currently active*

PURPOSE/CHARTER

- Part of the National and Michigan (Local) Citizen Corps to incorporate & utilize volunteers in the community.
- Citizen Corps endorsed by the President & Department of Homeland Security.
- GT CERT members – trained in basic response techniques to assist Local Citizens & First Responders in disaster or emergency situations.

ORGANIZATION

- Incident Command System (ICS)
 - *Used by Emergency Response Agencies to Manage Operations*
 - *CERT becomes part of ICS*
 - *Incident Commander oversees Finance(Admin)/Logistics/Ops/Planning (FLOP) Elements*
- On-scene Management
 - *ID Scope* *(What is problem)*
 - *Determine Overall Strategy* *(What can be done & how to do it)*
 - *Deploy Teams* *(Who does what)*
 - *Document*
- Principles
 - *Monitor Safety of Disaster Workers*
 - *Provide Clear Leadership & Org Structure*
 - *Improve Effectiveness of Rescue Efforts*

MISSION

“To provide area residents & First Responders a quality resource for safety education, hazard mitigation, emergency response assistance, and other volunteer efforts.”

MISSION AREAS

- Disaster Preparedness & Response
- Light Search & Rescue
- Patient Triage & Assessments
- Damage Assessments
- Traffic & Crowd Management
- Evacuation
- Reunification (e.g. Students to Parents/Guardians)
- Shelter & Food/Water/Supply Distribution
- Organizing Other Volunteers at a Disaster Site

OBJECTIVES

- Establish & maintain teams of qualified & trained individuals who can execute the following:
 - *Augment Local Emergency Services & Management Officials w/ trained individuals*
 - *Assist Law Enforcement Functions (e.g. Traffic Direction & Security)*
 - *Assist in Victim Triage & Rescue*
 - *Assist w/ Sheltering, Mass Feeding, & Other Support Function Staffing*
 - *Integrate Ops w/ other CERTs as directed*
 - *Provide Comm's Capability & Coordination w/ CERT Members & other CERTs*
 - *Provide our Citizens a Safe Haven in Their Time of Need*
 - *Inform other Citizens CERT is there to Assist*

CERT MEMBERS' DON'Ts

- In General, CERT Members do not:
 - *Control Traffic or Crowds (only manage)*
 - *Deal with unruly or aggressive Crowds*
 - *Use force or violence to manage Crowds*
 - *Have Legal Authority to restrict someone from entering an area (only warn)*
- Gerrish Township CERT Members' do not:
 - *Arrest people*
 - *Carry a weapon without special authorization*
 - *Self-deploy without special authorization*
 - *Get placed in situations that endanger their safety (e.g. smoke inhalation, extreme temperatures (such as fires), hazardous materials, dangerous manhunts, etc.)*

LIABILITY COVERAGE

- CERT Members acting in official capacity are covered.
- Good Samaritan Laws also apply.

CERT GEAR

- Individual (Standard Issue)
 - *Backpack*
 - *Fannypack*
- Trailer
- General Supplies



TRAINING

- Initial Basic Training Course
- Annual Training
- Additional Training



FUNDING

- Federal Grants
 - *Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)*
 - *Department Homeland Security (DHS)*
- State Grants
 - *Michigan Citizen Corps - Region 7*
- Local Grants
 - *Gerrish Township ACT NOW*
- Private
 - *Donations*
 - *Fundraisers*

CERT PERSONNEL BACKGROUNDS

- High School to Retirees
- Various Backgrounds
- Business/Industry/Academia
- Emergency Responders
 - *Emergency Medical Technicians*
 - *Firefighters*
 - *Law Enforcement*
- Medical
- Military

KEY PERSONNEL

- GT Police Dept – Chief Brian Hill
- GT CERT Coordinator – Robert Barber
- GT CERT Representation:
 - *Region 7 Citizens Corps Council*
 - *ACT NOW Executive Board*

SCHEDULED EVENTS SUPPORT (1/2)

- Charity Events

- *Shop with a Cop Gift Wrap, Trunk or Treat, Fundraisers*

- Community Awareness/Outreach

- *School Safety Days, Act Now, et al*
- *Christmas in the Village*



- Traffic & Parking

- *Parades (Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Firemen's Memorial, Homecomings)*
- *Runs/Walks (Higgins Lake Sunrise, Special Olympics Torch, Walk to School)*
- *Events (Trunk or Treat, AuSable Canoe Marathon, Airshows, Music Festivals)*

SCHEDULED EVENTS SUPPORT (2/2)

- Emergency Responder Training
 - *Active Violence Incidents (AVI)*
- Support other CERTs
 - *Gaylord's Wings Over Northern Michigan Airshow [Otsego County CERT]*
 - *Frederic Music Festival [Crawford County CERT]*
 - *AuSable Canoe Marathon [Crawford County CERT]*

HOW TO REQUEST CERT SUPPORT

- Emergency Support
 - *Contact Gerrish Township Police Dept*
- Scheduled Event Support
 - *Contact Gerrish Township CERT Coordinator Robert Barber*
 - *Email: chief.hill@gerrishpolice.org*
 - *(989) 821-5207 Ext. 287*
 - *<http://gerrishpolice.org/cert/>*
 - *Mailing Address: CERT Coordinator*
3075 E. Higgins Lake Dr
Roscommon, MI 48653

ACTIVATION OF CERT

- Activation:
 - *Types: Scheduled vs. Emergency Support(Short/Med/Long Term)*
 - *Levels: Alert, Mobilization, Deployment*
- Authorities who can Request Activation (Call-outs):
 - *Gerrish Township Police Chief*
 - *Gerrish Township Fire Chief*
 - *Roscommon County Emergency Management*
- Process:
 - *Activation Authorized by Appropriate Authority*
 - *Notification from Gerrish Township Emergency Services (New)*
 - **Primary** – Cellphone **Alternate** – TV/Radio Alerts
 - *Report to Gerrish Township Police Station*
 - *Deploy to Assigned Areas for Support*
 - *Debrief/Recover/Checkout at Gerrish Township Police Station*

IDENTIFYING CERT MEMBERS

- Hats



- Vest



- Jacket



- ID Badge



HOW TO BECOME CERT MEMBER

- If Member of another CERT Team
 - *Proof of Completion of Basic CERT Course*
 - *Letter of Verification from CERT Team Coordinator/Sponsor*
 - *Background Check by Gerrish Township Police Department*
- If Not Previously CERT Member
 - *Apply (ref GTPD Website: <http://gerrishpolice.org/cert/>)*
 - *Background Check by Gerrish Township Police Department*
 - *Complete Basic CERT Course (Gerrish Township)*
- Must participate in 2 of 4 annual Training Sessions
- Can reside in other nearby Townships and still be a member of Gerrish Township CERT

SUMMARY

- Recap & Takeaways
- Demonstrations
 - *Inside – Gear*
 - *Outside – Trailer*
- Brief to be posted online:
 - *<http://gerrishpolice.org/cert/>*

QUESTIONS ?



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