



Bedford CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

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Bedford CERT Graduates Next Class of Volunteers

Bedford, NH – January 4, 2013 – The **Bedford Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** has graduated their second class of trained volunteers on November 7, 2012 at the Bedford Old Town Hall.

Volunteers participated in 20+ hours of training over a 4-week period to learn about triage, search & rescue, and fire suppression. In addition to Bedford residents, students came from surrounding towns to help train for their local teams such as Goffstown CERT and MIAMO CERT (Amherst, Milford, Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough).

Since its inception in June 2012; Bedford CERT has volunteered over 2000 hours to the town. Activities ranging from on-going training, event support (Olde Town Day, Bike Rodeo) and activations (traffic control at fires, Election Day). Recent Bedford graduates were on hand to help direct traffic at the Bedford Presbyterian Church Nativity event on December 23rd.

A new training class is being planned for early February (Tuesday/Thursday evenings); seating is limited – interested parties should contact Ron Michaud, Director of Bedford, NH CERT at 603.540.0182 or info@bedfordnhcert.org.

About Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

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