

Welcome!

We're Glad You Are Here.

We Will Be Getting Started Soon!

www.FairfaxCountyCERT.org



HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ▶ Please “rename” your screen presence indicating **your first name, last name and CERT Class #**
e.g., Rescue Randy CERT 999
- ▶ Please find the “chat” feature by moving your mouse pointer over the menu bar, we will be using ‘chat’ for interaction
- ▶ This session including chat is being recorded



CERT Program Meeting

Fairfax County CERT
January 21, 2025



WHAT TO EXPECT THIS EVENING

Elvia Foil



CERT Program Meeting

- ▶ Updates from Volunteer Liaison / CERT Program Manager
- ▶ New Website
- ▶ 2025 Events
- ▶ Safety” Evacuation Tips

Office of the FRD Volunteer Liaison

Jeffrey Katz/Dana Powers



- ▶ Remembering Mary Moon
- ▶ Inclement Weather Policy
- ▶ CERT changing its CPR program to the Fire Department's Healthcare Provider CPR (BLS)
- ▶ Jeffrey retiring in September 2025



Remembering Mary Moon

“A Generous Soul Who Gave Her Time to the Community”

Mary joined CERT in 2011, graduating with class 43 and gave her time generously to the CERT program.

- Trained member of our CERT Canteen Crew.
- Avid amateur radio operator, KK4GOW, and “a true ‘Elmer’
- Participated in Capital Shield exercises at old Lorton Site, World Police and Fire Games
- CERTCon, several years
- CERT Moulage team
- Victim Actor
- Prince William ARES
- Alternate Rep to Citizens Corps Council
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

“Mary was very knowledgeable in CERT and not afraid to try new things.”



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



Fairfax County CERT events will be cancelled when the Fairfax County Government is closed or when a non-Fairfax County site hosting the event is closed.



Sign up:
FairfaxCounty.gov/Alerts

All CERT events are subject to cancellation due to weather, scheduling, or other factors.

CERT volunteers are advised to check their email in the days leading up to an event and check with the Event Lead if there is any question.



VOLUNTEER LEAD

Elvia Foil

LEAD@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

**Program Meetings
2025**

New Website!



PROGRAM MEETINGS



Celebrating 20 Years

Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number of People!



2025 Monthly Program Meetings
3rd Tuesday of Every Month

February 18th | March 18th | April 15th

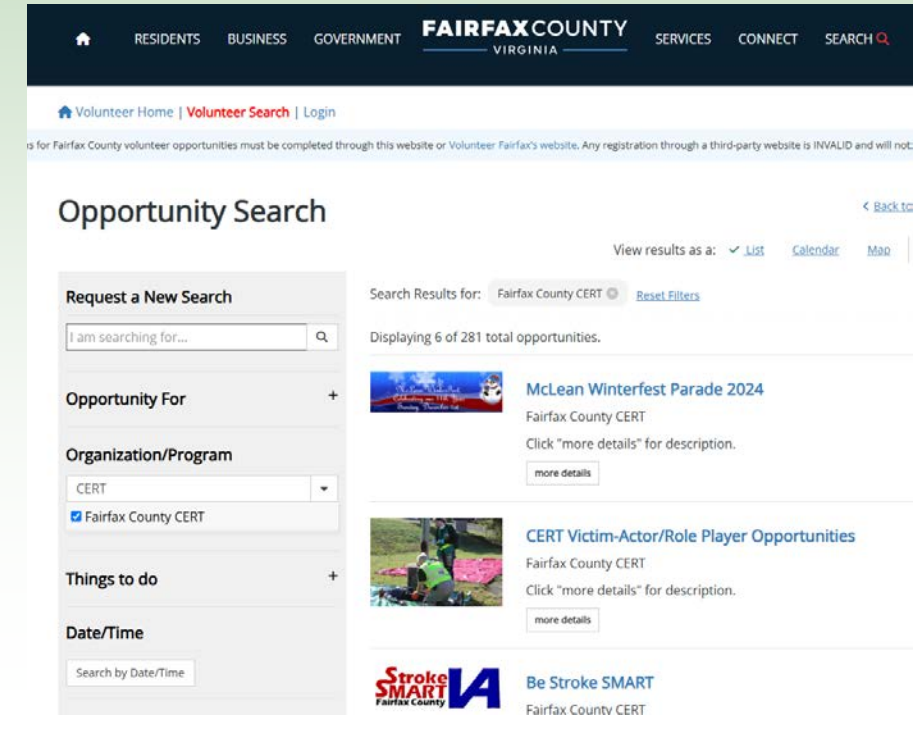
STAY CONNECTED with all CERT EVENTS



Volunteer Management System (VMS) Website

[Volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/](https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/)

Register here for most CERT classes and events

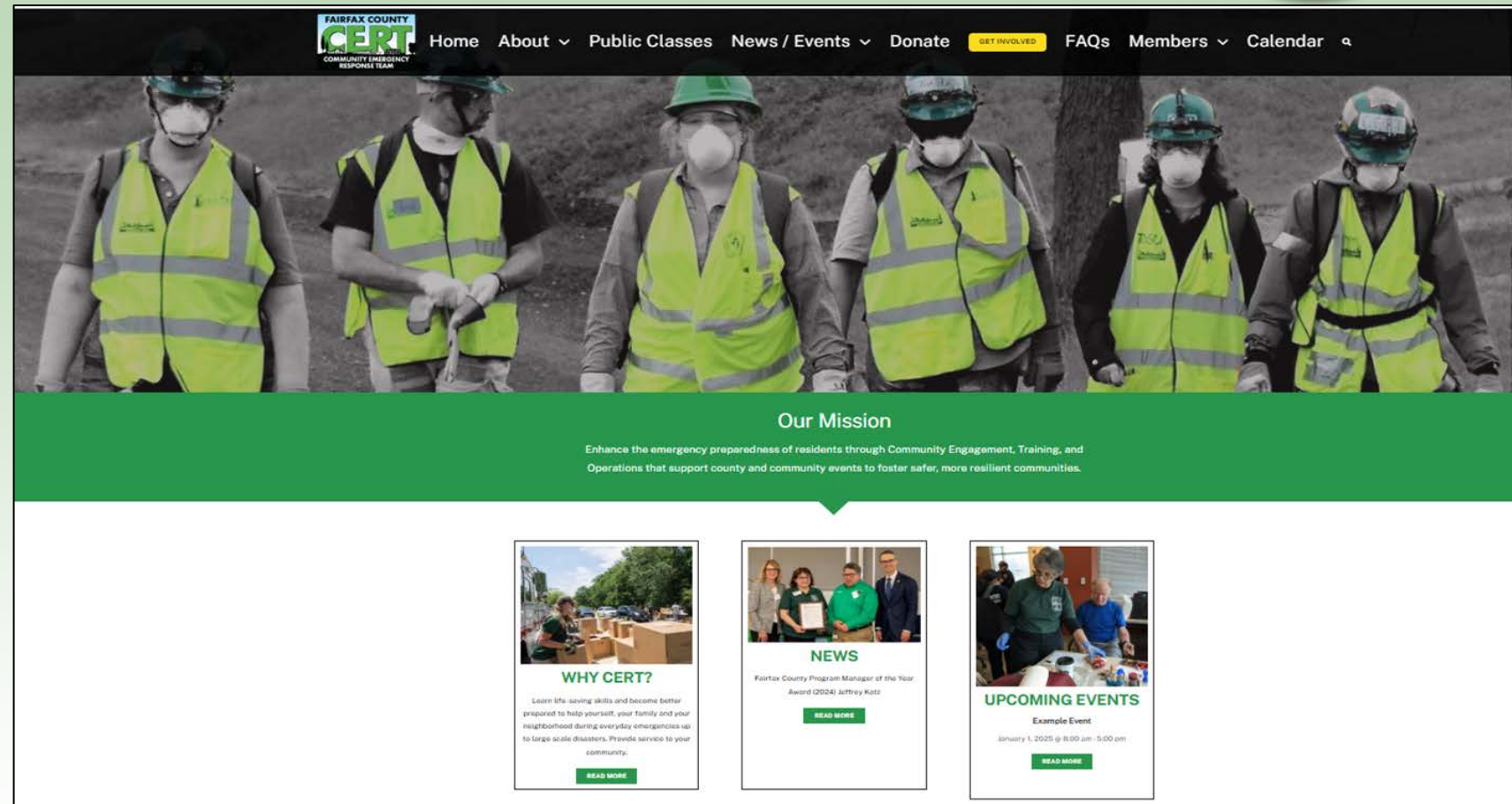


STAY CONNECTED with all CERT EVENTS

Watkins Gray, Deputy Lead



Visit our **New**
CERT Website!



FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Fairfax County CERT Mission Statement



**Enhance the emergency preparedness of residents through
Community Engagement, Training, and Operations
that support county and community events
to foster safer, more resilient communities**



Training

Wayne Vick

TRAINING@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Upcoming Classes

**Green to Blue
Info Session**

Canteen Training



Upcoming Training Events: January - March



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Jan 23

CERT Basic Class 199 – Herndon (M/Th)

Feb 11

CERT Incident Management (3 days)

Feb 12

Pet First Aid and CPR Class (rescheduled date)

Feb 15

Final for Basic Class 199 – help needed

Feb 19

CERT Advanced First Aid (3 days)

Feb 24

**CERT Basic Class 198 – Ft Belvoir –
M thru F Daytime**

Mar 6

Green to Blue Info Session

Mar 8

Traffic & Crowd Management – CCE

Mar 14

Simple Machines & Cribbing – CCE



**Search VMS and CERT Website
to Sign Up for these Opportunities!**

FairfaxCountyCERT.org
Volunteer.FairfaxCounty.gov

TRAINING

Wayne Vick, Training



“Green to Blue” Program

How to Become an EMT through one of our 12 Volunteer Fire Stations

Wednesday, March 6 from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
FRA Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax



- Meet CERT volunteers who have transitioned to Volunteer Stations as EMTs will be the featured speakers
- Meet representatives from the Volunteer Fire Stations to discuss their onboarding process
- FRA Instructors will answer questions
- Contact Wayne Vick, 202-498-2310, Training@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Training@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Upcoming Training: Canteen

Char Silberstein, Canteen Coordinator/Wayne Vick, Training



Mar 11

Canteen Orientation

Mar 21

Canteen FRD Radio Training

Mar 22

Canteen Deployment Training



**For prospective
Canteen Crew
Members.**

**All 3 are
required
training.**

**Classes should
be taken in the
listed order.**



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Canteen Coordinator

Char Silberstein

CERTCanteen@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Canteen Activities



Canteen Statistics 2024

Team

- Drivers - 12
- Crew - 23
- Pipeline - 18

Deployments:

- V-099 (CGM) - 7
- V-021 - 23
- 422 & 422B
Springfield – 5

- **35 Deployments by
18 Different People**

Types of Deployments:

- Planned - 14
- Emergency - 21



Operations

James Sobecke

OPERATIONS@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

**Thank you for
December Support**

Upcoming Events



Operations

James Sobecke



THANK YOU for Your Support!



Traffic and Crowd Management*

All Month

MWAA – At Reagan & Dulles

Dec 11

TCM Offsite NCS Staff Meeting

Dec 13

TCM Wreaths Across America
Chestnut Grove Cemetery

Dec 14-15

Franconia Food Distribution

K9 Decoy Volunteers

All Month

MWAA – At Reagan & Dulles



Wreaths Across America – Herndon – December 14, 2024



"Your help really makes the day run more smoothly and keeps everyone safe. I know it makes a tremendous difference to our cemetery manager, ... he is thrilled every year when I tell him CERT has agreed to help with the event as he knows his cemetery and the folks interred there are in good hands!"

-Susy Ledgerwood



OPERATIONS – Radio Events

James Sobecke



CERT Radio Team

Jan 26 Workshop #82

Jan 24-26 Field Day
Vienna Wireless

Feb 23 Workshop #83

Sign up in VMS for
these events.



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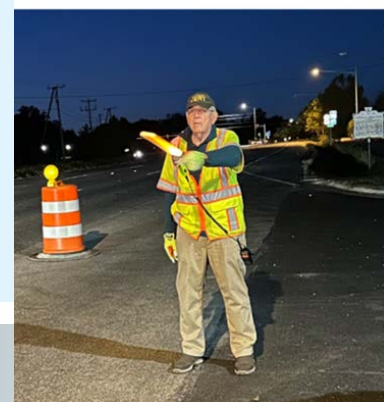
TRAFFIC & CROWD MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Next TCM Class is March 8

https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/opp_details/188267

If you are CERT TRAINED and want to apply some Basic CERT skills...

- Register for one of the upcoming TCM events
- We will introduce you to the methods and manner of giving direction to the public in crowded venues (non-emergency)
- Apply situation awareness and decision-making skills
- Observe traffic and crowd management in real world situations
- See the importance of radio communications and teamwork



Operations@fairfaxcountyCERT.org

OPERATIONS – MWAA K9 – Human Decoys



Dulles Airport and Reagan National Airport



Support MWAA K9 Passenger Screening Training

Trained CERT volunteers help canines to train for passenger inspection at airport terminals

Questions?

Contact: Lani Young onyxarcher@cs.com
https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/opp_details/185319



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Kim Sopko

COMMUNITY@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Outreach

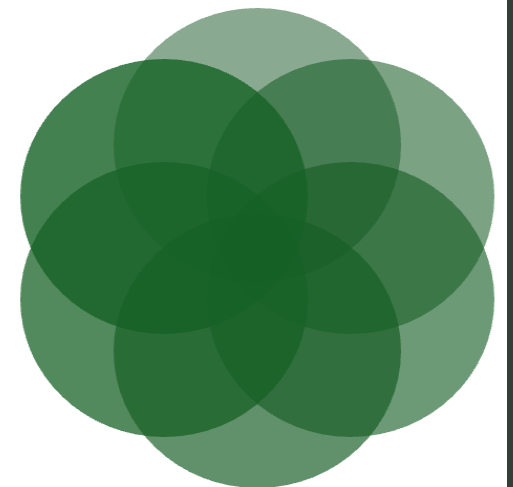
Community Partnerships

Speaker's Bureau

Victim Actors

Teams

Welcome/Orientation



Upcoming Community Engagement Events: January - March



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Jan 22 & Feb 26

Team Time Virtual Chat

Jan 25

Get Alarmed Fire Safety – Outreach

Feb 3

VCU Paramedic Program – Role Players

Feb 12

Outreach Training Session

Feb 19, 20, & 21

Gwyneth's Gifts Hands-Only CPR

Feb 20

VCU Paramedic Program – Role Players

Feb 22

Get Alarmed Fire Safety – Outreach

Feb 26

CERT Welcome & Orientation

Feb 27

FXPD CDU Training – Role Players

Mar 6, 10, 31

VCU Paramedic Program – Role Players



Search VMS and CERT Website to Sign Up for these Opportunities!

Community Engagement

Community Partnerships – Kim Sopko



SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them WORK For You!™

January 25th | 8AM - 2PM

**Get Alarmed Fire
Safety Initiative
(Sound the Alarm)**

Additional Dates
Feb 22nd and Mar 22th

Event Lead:
Doug Goodman

- Join Fire and Rescue Dept. and Neighborhood Community Services
- Canvas the Alexandria Mobile Home community
- Share fire safety information
- Support FRD as they install smoke alarms
- Meet at Woodlawn Fire Station 24



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Community Engagement

Kim Sopko



Upcoming Events for Role Players & Victim Actors

**Feb 27 &
Mar 1**

Fairfax Police CDU Training

volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/opp_details/189326



**Feb 3 & 20
Mar 6,
10 & 31**

VCU Paramedic Program

volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/opp_details/189903

Fairfax Fire and Rescue Academy

0700-1430 (full) or 0700-1120 (shift) or 1130-1430 (shift)



Feb 15

CERT Basic Final

<https://form.jotform.com/232815339082154>



Community Engagement

Community Partnerships – Victim Actors: Kim Sopko



Role Player Opportunity

Fairfax Police Civil Disobedience Unit Training

Thursday, February 27 | 6PM - 10PM

Fairfax Police Academy

Saturday, March 1 | 5PM - 10PM

Fairfax Fire & Rescue Academy



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Community Engagement

Community Partnerships – Victim Actors: Kim Sopko



Patient Actors for VCU Paramedic School

Fairfax Fire and Rescue Academy

0700-1430 or 0700-1130 or 1130-1430

February 3 & 20

March 6, 10 & 31

April 7, 8 & 15

May 23

June 2 & 3



THANK YOU
For filling shifts
November - January

Thomas Wilkens

Mary Serafin

Denise Dorn

Ginny Katona

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Community Engagement

Outreach: Doug Goodman



Outreach Events

Feb 8

Mt. Vernon District Town Hall
7:30AM - 10:30AM



Feb 12

Outreach Training Session
7:00PM - 8:30 PM



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Community Engagement

Outreach: Doug Goodman



Gwyneth's Gift - Hands Only CPR support

CERT will support instructors and school staff to help middle school students during the hands-on exercises.

Partner with local Fire Departments.

- **Longfellow Middle School – Feb 19 & 20**
Shifts: 0730 - 1130 and 1130 – 1430
- **Herndon Middle School – April 23 & 24**
VMS signup shift forthcoming – use link below



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Community Engagement

Speaker's Bureau – Ray Katona



Upcoming Speaking Engagements

February 13

Presentation at:
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
by Carol Brown

February 23

Presentation at:
Mt Vernon Unitarian Church
by Marco Johnson



Community Engagement

CERT Welcome & Orientation: Jim McPheeters



CERT Welcome and Orientation

Designed for all recent CERT Basic graduates and those who want to re-engage with the CERT Program.



YOU make the difference.

Because without YOU wearing it, it's just another backpack.

Feb 26 7:00 pm

Zoom Only

Register to receive link

https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/opp_details/183282

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Community Engagement

Teams: Marco Johnson & Denise Dorn

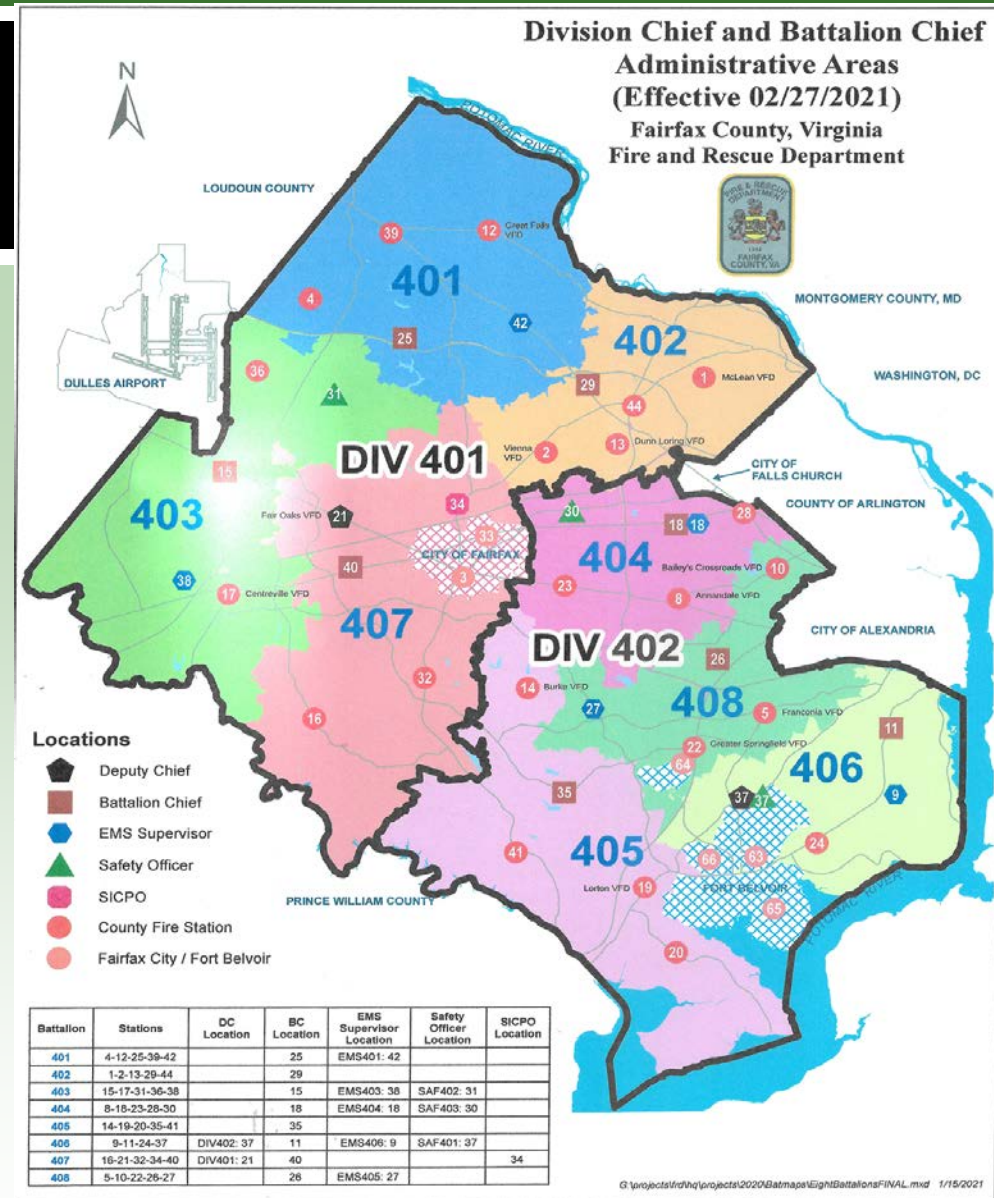
Join Today!

Area Community Team (ACT)

- Send an email to: Teams@fairfaxcountycert.org requesting to be put on a TEAM.
- Include: Name, CERT Class number, address, phone number, email, radio call sign (if any)
- Use Fairfax County myneighborhood tool to find closest station.
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myneighborhood/>

Questions? Contact Marco2plan4it@live.com or Teams@fairfaxcountycert.org

Community@FairfaxCountyCERT.org



Community Engagement

Teams: Marco Johnson & Denise Dorn



UPDATES

- **365** CERT Members on **41** Area Community Teams
- Christine Grassman – new CERT station leader for Bailey's Crossroads (FS10)
- Wellness check communication during the snowstorm of Jan 6

Questions? Contact Marco2plan4it@live.com or Teams@fairfaxcountycert.org

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Community Engagement

Teams: Marco Johnson & Denise Dorn

Keep **ALERT**
Be Informed



Team Time Virtual Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 22 | 12:00 - 12:30 PM

Fourth Wednesday of the month

- Half-hour chat for any Teams topics from CERT Basic graduates
- Chat items recorded and answered or referred
- Action items are tracked and reported on

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93114613495?pwd=WkRGTVdGU2NSdDIBVmt2SWZBUUpwdz09>

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Community Engagement

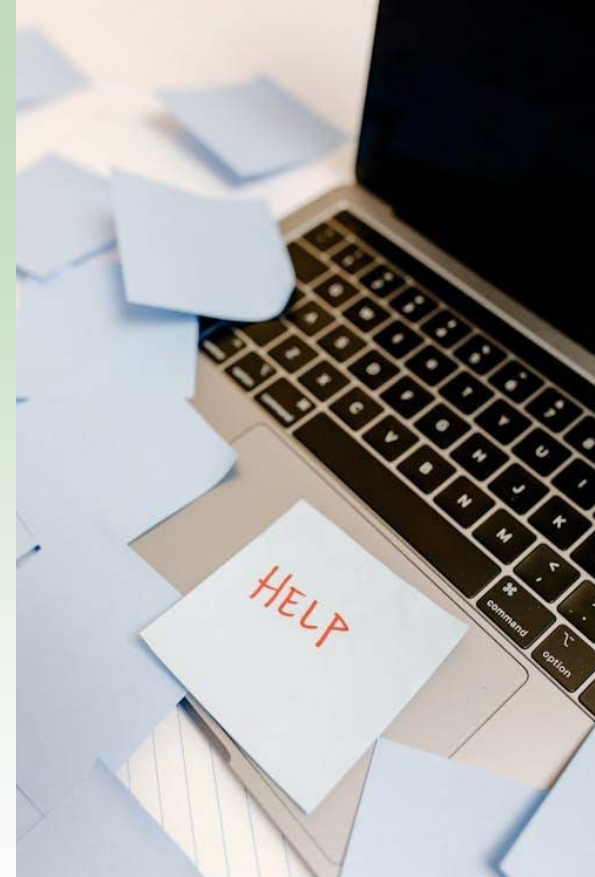
Kim Sopko



Want to support our division "behind the scenes"?

1. Design and update informational handouts for distribution at outreach events
2. Update our outreach display boards and disaster wheels
3. Plan activities for CERT members (In-reach/social events)
4. Maintain contact information and communications in an Excel document

Email community@fairfaxcountycert.org if you are interested or have questions!



Community Engagement

Kim Sopko



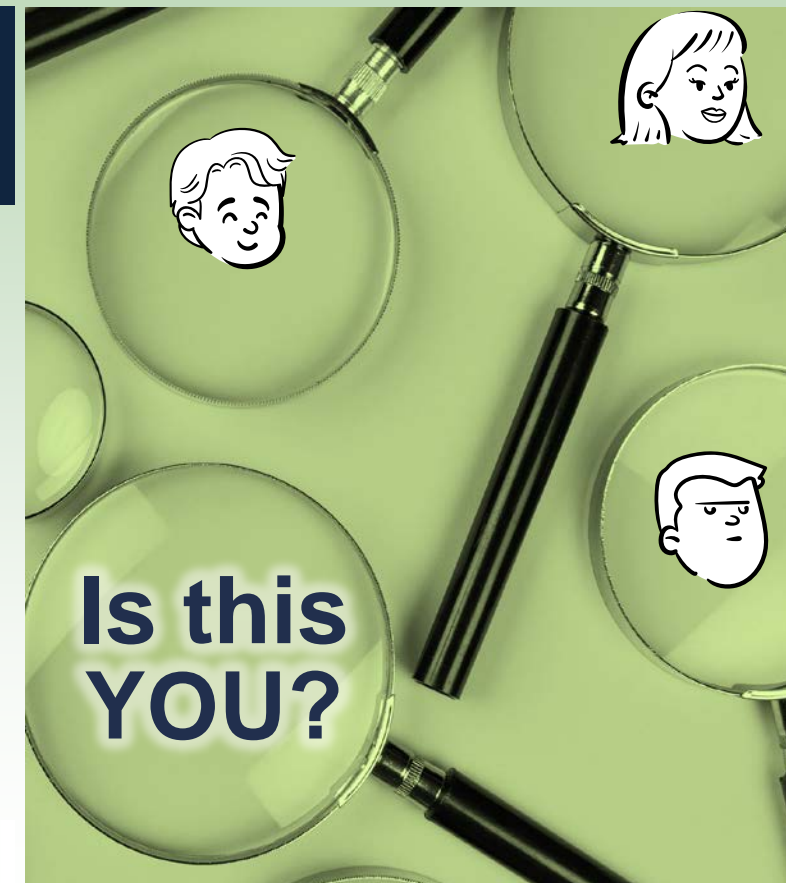
WANTED: Community Engagement Deputy

Interested in a collaborative leadership opportunity within CERT?
You would collaborate with the Division Director to support the various sections of the division that includes:

- Community Partnerships, Outreach, Victim Actors, Speaker's Bureau, Area Community Teams, Inreach, CERT Welcome & Orientation, and Awards.
- Do you like to coordinate and organize events?
- Do you like to talk with and email people about CERT?
- Proficient skills needed: Google Workspace, Microsoft Word, and Excel
- Good communication and writing

Contact Kim at:

Community@FairfaxCountyCERT.org



SAFETY

Ginny Katona

SAFETY@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Safety Events

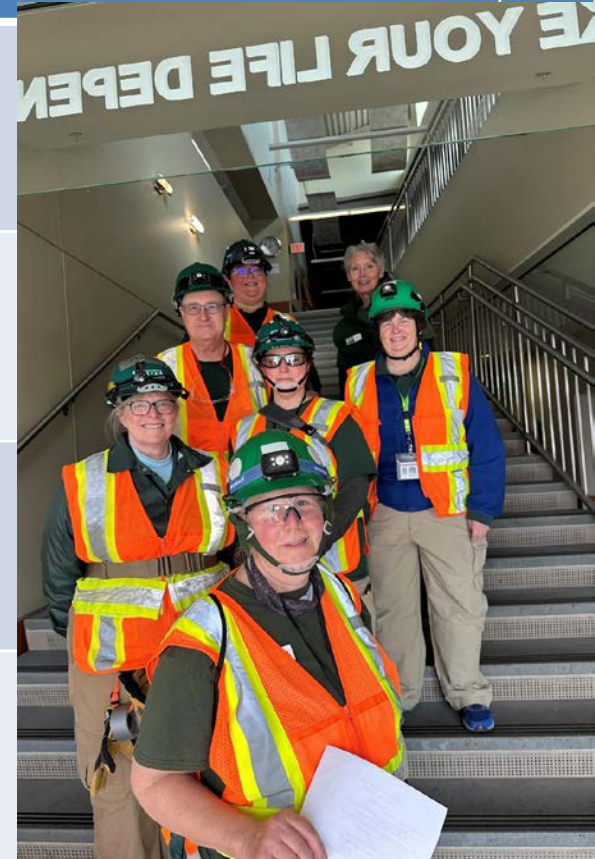
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Safety – Upcoming Activities

Ginny Katona



Date	Time	Location/Task
Saturday, Feb 15	7:00a - 12:30p	Fire Academy Actor Advocates Class 199 Final
Saturday, Feb 28	7:30a - 1:30p	DAU Ft. Belvoir Actor Advocates for Class 198 Final
Tuesday, Apr 1	2:00p - 3:00p	Workhouse Arts Center Pre-exercise Inspection
Saturday, Apr 5	6:00a - 12:30p	Workhouse Arts Center Actor Advocates for Class 200 Final



Email Ginny at safety@fairfaxcountycert.org to volunteer or to get more information

Safety@FairfaxCountyCERT.org

Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



Preparation

What to Pack

- Go-Bag with essentials, plus
- “6 Ps”



Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



Ready for an evacuation? Here's what to pack – The 6 P's

FIRST – your “go bag” of essentials (from LA Department of Emergency Services)

- Water and nonperishable food
- A flashlight
- A first aid kit with bandages and gauze, medical tape, antibiotic cream, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication, over-the-counter pain relievers and antihistamines.
- Batteries and chargers for your devices
- Several days' worth of clothing — including coats, pajamas, underwear and socks
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation purposes
- A battery- or crank-operated radio
- A whistle to signal for help
- Local maps in case GPS isn't working

Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



THEN: six categories of things to pack if you need to evacuate – The **6 Ps**.

1. People and pets

- Your family members — human and otherwise — should be your first priority
- Pet food and water, bowls for food and drink, medications, leashes and toys

2. Papers and phone numbers

- Passports, birth certificates and marriage licenses.
- The deed to your house or your rental agreement
- Any other legal documents; Proof of pet vaccinations

Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



2. Papers and phone numbers (continued)

- List of essential phone numbers - think dead cell phone
 - Doctors
 - Relatives
 - Out-of-state contact
 - Neighbors & Coworkers
 - Insurance agent
 - Lawyer
 - Landlord
 - Veterinarian

Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



3. Prescriptions

- Anything you'll need for your health while away from home
- Prescription medications
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses and vitamins
- Toiletries - toothbrushes, toothpaste and contact solution
- Diapers, wipes and the stroller
- First aid kit should already be in your "go bag," but if it isn't, make sure to pack one

4. Pictures and personal items

- Photo albums, framed photos and other irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal items you wouldn't want to lose – examples from experienced evacuees
 - Jewelry
 - Sentimental Items: Favorite sweatshirt, Bridesmaid dress
 - Guitars
 - Antiques

Ready for an Evacuation?

Jim McPheeters



5. Personal computers

- May contain a lot of important documents, photos and other files
- Vital for staying in contact and accessing critical services
- External hard drives
- Power cords and connectors

6. Plastics

- Identification cards for all in family
- Credit cards & ATM cards
- Insurance cards and cash

Source: Jessica Roy, Los Angeles Times, Aug. 9, 2018

Greater Springfield VFD Proposal for CERT

Watkins Gray



Proposal: CERT Members working at Greater Springfield VFD (GSVFD) Bingo

- CERT would provide 1-3 members per shift to work at GSVFD bingo
- Members would work a six-hour shift up to two nights/week (Tuesdays and Sundays)
- CERTs main duty – selling pull tabs on the floor
- In exchange, GSVFD would make regular donations to the CERT Association



Fairfax CERT Association



FAIRFAX CERT ASSOCIATION

► Julie Thomas Treasurer



- Result of 2024 Elections
- Term: Jan 1, 2025 – Dec 31, 2026
- President – Marshall Levin – Re-elected
- Treasurer – Julie Thomas – Re-elected
- Member at Large 2 – Char Silberstein

- Vehicle Fund Donations

<https://fccertva-vehicle.square.site>

- Fundraising

Restaurant fundraisers before program meetings



FAIRFAX CERT ASSOCIATION

► Marshall Levin, President



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Welcome to our
online store

Please e-mail treasurer@fairfaxcertassociation.org
with any questions on the store site.

Visit the online
CERT store!

- Membership
- Donations
- Memorial Fund
- Uniforms
 - Polo shirts
 - Baseball Hats / Caps
 - Nametags

<https://fccertva.square.site/>

QUESTIONS?

We would like to hear from you!



FAIRFAX COUNTY CERT LEADERSHIP



Program Role	Name	Email@FairfaxCountyCERT.org
Volunteer Lead	Elvia Foil	Lead@
Deputy Lead	Watkins Gray	DeputyLead@
Safety	Ginny Katona	Safety@
Advisor	Ross Branstetter	CCC@
Administration	Jerry Anderson	CERTAdmin@
CERT Station	Charlie Hoffman	Facilities@
CERT Canteen	Char Silberstein	CERTCanteen@
Community Engagement	Kim Sopko	Community@
Outreach	Doug G. / Deputy Ginny Katona	Outreach@ / OutreachDeputy@
Teams	Marco Johnson / Deputy Denise Dorn	Teams@
Orientation	Kim Sopko	Orientation@
Logistics	Don Tillson / Deputy Lani Young	Logistics@
Marketing	Kelly Oehlschlager	Marketing@
Operations	James Sobecke	Operations@
Training	Wayne Vick / Deputy Cory Goodall	Training@ / TrainingDeputy@

Find more CERT Leadership and other contact information at www.FairfaxCountyCERT.org

FAIRFAX CERT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS



Name	Role	Email	Domain
Marshall Levin	President	PRESIDENT@	FairfaxCERTAssociation.org
Cory Goodall	Vice President	VP@	
Julie Thomas	Treasurer	TREASURER@	
Ray Katona	Secretary	SECRETARY@	
Thomas Wilkens	Member at Large 1	MAL1@	
Char Silberstein	Member at Large 2	MAL2@	FairfaxCountyCERT.org
Elvia Foil	Program Volunteer Lead	Lead@	
Jeffrey Katz	Fire & Rescue Dept. Liaison / CERT Program Manager	Jeffrey.Katz@	FairfaxCounty.gov

Email all the above at: Board@FairfaxCERTAssociation.org

Next Program Meeting

February 18, 2025

**7 pm at Public Safety Headquarters Building
(Hybrid)**

FairfaxCountyCERT.org



Winter Reminder



IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?





HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!



**Thank you
for joining us
tonight!**