



For Immediate Release:

Ocean City, New Jersey – The City of Ocean City and the Township of Upper Twp is hosting free training classes for citizens to become certified members of the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Classes run for ten weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ocean City Community Center, beginning March 17th and ending May 26th 2015.

"The devastation that occurred as a result of super storm Sandy is a compelling reminder of the vital role our trained CERT members play in Ocean City," states Frank Donato Ocean City Office of Emergency Management coordinator. "The tremendous amount of resources necessary for our response and recovery efforts after this storm should indicate to all of our citizens why this type of training is so important in our community as well as our surrounding community."

This is the tenth year that the Office of Emergency Management has offered CERT classes to citizens. The program training includes all aspects of disaster preparation including Basic Fire Suppression, Light Search and Rescue, Animal Safety, Disaster Psychology and Natural Disaster Preparedness. Class instructors include Jim Eberwine, retired local meteorologist and representatives from Atlantic City Electric who will train participants in electrical safety during storm events.

Eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and reside in Ocean City or Upper Township. Upon completion of the training, participants will have learned basic first aid, become CPR and AED certified and be prepared to assist with emergency response needs for their community, neighbors, family and themselves.

Class size is limited, so citizens are encouraged to register early. To register, please visit www.ocnj.us/oem and click on the Ocean City CERT Registration button. Residents can also contact Upper Township Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Scott Morgan at smorgan@uppertownship.com. For more information on the CERT program visit www.citizen corps.gov/cert.

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CERT 2015
(Community Emergency Response Team)

(10) Class Agenda

(All classes 7PM to 10PM)

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Instructor(s)</u>
Class #1 (03/17/15)	Disaster Preparedness Orientation	Det. Scott Morgan Coord. Frank Donato
Class #2 (03/24/15)	Fire Safety	OCFD
Class #3 (03/31/15)	CERT Org./ NWS	NJSP OEM Jim Eberwine (ret), NWS Mt. Holly
Class #4 (04/07/15)	NO CLASS TONIGHT	
Class #5 (04/14/15)	Disaster Med Ops. #1 Disaster Med Ops. #2	OCFD & OCPD
Class #6 (04/21/15)	Heart Saver CPR/AED	OCFD & OCPD
Class #7 (04/28/15)	Light Search & Rescue Atlantic City Electric	CMC Task Force #1 Ronnie Town
Class #8 (05/05/15)	Terrorism & CERT Animals in Disasters	OCFD OC Humane Society

Class #9 (05/12/15)	Disaster Psychology	CMC Cape Counseling
Class #10 (05/19/15)	Nursing Home Evacuation	UMH Administrator
Class #11 Practical (05/26/15)	Disaster Simulation	(All Instructors)
	(Course Review & Final Exam)	

Location of classes: Ocean City Community Center, 17th and Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, NJ. Classroom location / room number to be announced.

Note: If there are any scheduling conflicts with the above training dates and times please contact Upper Township OEM Coordinator Scott Morgan via phone: 609-513-2740 or via email: smorgan@uppertownship.com or Ocean City OEM Coordinator Frank Donato via phone: 609-525-9350.