Community Emergency Response Team



Sully District Neighborhood College March 25, 2021

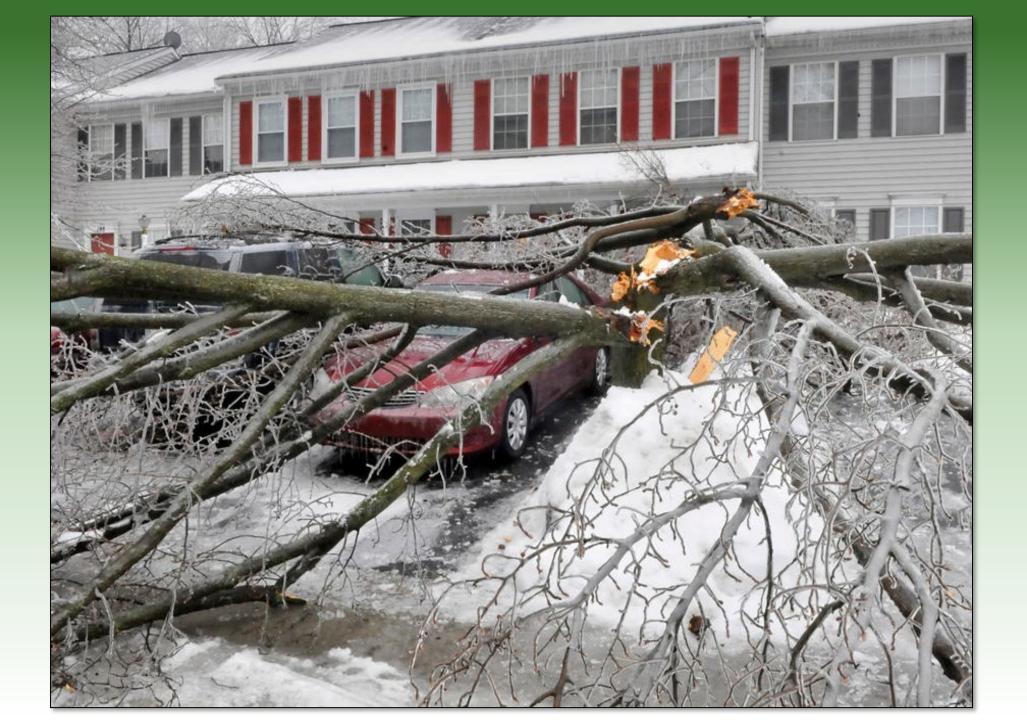












CERT Volunteers Responded to the Forest Glen Senior Apartments Fire in 2018 to assist with helping the 125 residents displaced by the fire





When will a disaster strike?



Where will you be? Where is your family?









Will first responders initially be overwhelmed?

How soon before they arrive?

What can and will YOU be able to do?





Are You Prepared? Do You Have.....



- ► A Family Disaster **PLAN** ► A 72-hour Emergency Kit
- ► Sign up for Fairfax Alerts
- Involvement in the Community







- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

Fire Extinguisher

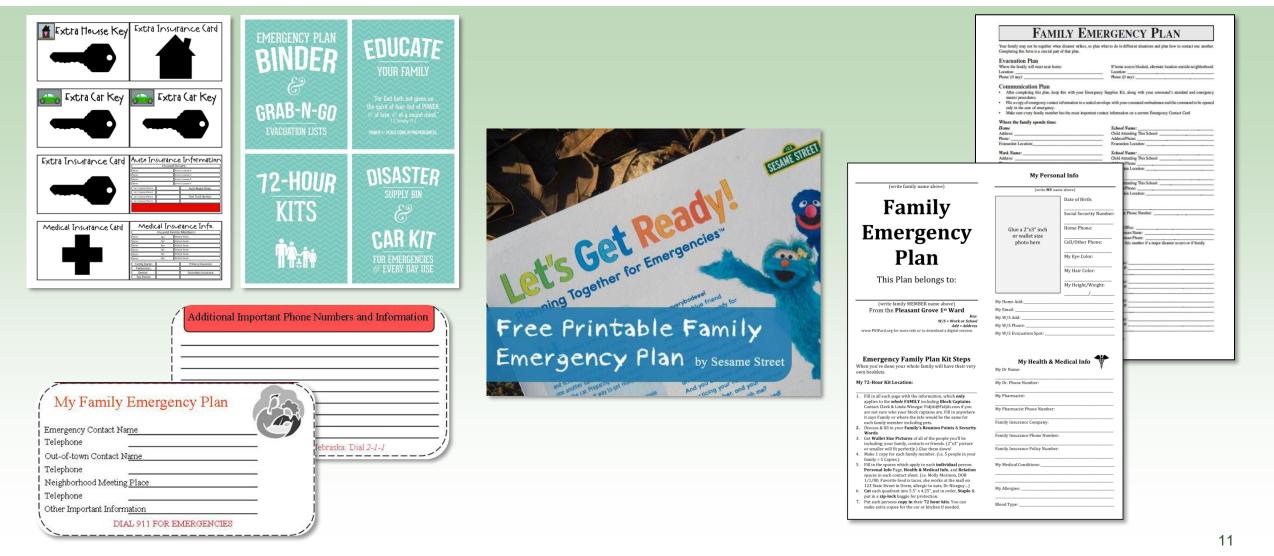
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children





Family Disaster Plan







Emergency Kit



72 Hour Emergency Supply Kit







Stay informed

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In the know .



It's simple. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

https://fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/alerts



When Major Disasters Occur





Police: address incidences of grave public safety



Firefighters: suppress major fires

> EMS handle injurie

EMS personnel: handle life-threatening injuries Lower priority needs must be met in other ways

Fairfax County CERT



- ► Program started in 2003
- ► Three tiers/levels: Trained Active Advanced
- ► Over 3000 people have been trained
- Development of Neighborhood CERT Teams
- Actively support community activities
- Continuing education and exercises
- ► Training locations
 - Fire & Rescue Academy
 - In the Community (Volunteer cadre)





Fairfax County CERT Training Is Free







CERT Basic Training





- Disaster Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology
- Simple Triage Rapid Treatment
- ► Light Search & Rescue
- Patient Treatment
- ► Terrorism Local Hazards
- ► Fire Safety

Simulated Disaster Scenario Exercise

CERTs In Action















COVID-19 Impact

- TRAINING
- Limited face-to-face contact
- ► On-line classes
- ► Continuing education

COMMUNITY SUPPORT READINESS







CERT Capabilities



- Neighborhood CERT Teams
 - CERT Basic skills
 - Organization and Command skills
 - Radio communications
- Emergency Response
- Community Event Support

- Dulles Airport Triennial Emergency Exercise
- Dulles K9 Training Support
- Medical Support World Police and Fire Games





CERT Community Teams











- ► Centreville Day
- McLean Day and Winterfest Parade
- ► National Night Out
- ► FS 4 Uncoupling







In the Neighborhood



- Neighborhood CERT Teams
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- CERT leadership and organization
- Organize local resource spontaneous volunteers

Community Assessment Reporting Program

- ► CERTs trained to conduct local damage assessment
- ► Text /photo Report to Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Local Situation Awareness



Emergency Response



- Neighborhood CERT Teams
- Community Assessment Program
- Hazards & asset mapping
- Traffic and crowd management
- Logistics management
- ► CERT Radio Team
- ► CERT Response Trailer



Community Support

COVID-19

- Pharmacy and grocery shopping
- ► Farm to Family Food Distribution—Mt. Olive Church
- Child Care Center Hygiene Kit distribution









Community Support





Food Distribution





Traffic Management



Response Trailer

Traffic and Crowd Management



- Racecourse Marshals
 Parade Marshals
- Event Safety First Aid
- ► Site Parking Direction





Logistics Management

- ► Point of Distribution
- Product Preparation
- Event Management
- Traffic and Crowd Management











CERT Radio Teams

- Licensed Radio Operators (Amateur / GMRS)
- Emergency Communications trained
- Support CERT Neighborhood Teams
- Handheld Radio cache

'Communications when power is out and telephone/cell network is down'







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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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