

Serve Your Community!
The Township of Pequannock seeks volunteers!



The Pequannock Township Office of Emergency Management is planning to establish a Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which is part of the Office of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps program. Volunteer CERT teams have been created at the local level across the United States with the cooperation of county and state Offices of Emergency Management.

CERT members may be asked to give critical support to first responders in emergencies, provide immediate assistance to victims, organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site, staff an emergency shelter for displaced residents, distribute disaster response and relief information to the community, and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

CERT members will receive basic level training free of charge, including materials and equipment, in the following areas:

- Basic first aid
- Family disaster preparedness
- Disaster fire suppression
- Medical triage operations
- Light search and rescue operations
- CERT operations
- Basic radio communications
- Terrorism awareness
- Disaster mental health
- American Red Cross Shelter Operations
- Basic emergency management

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program prepares citizens in basic emergency preparedness and response skills with instruction from the Town's professional emergency services personnel. This will enable trained CERT members to reduce the likelihood that they themselves would become victims during an emergency. This by itself is one of CERT's primary missions and could help to reduce the strain on emergency responders during a crisis.

Future training opportunities are being organized and will include the areas listed above. At the conclusion of the training program, a field skills exercise will be given and successful graduates will receive a disaster tool kit.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must reside or work in the Township of Pequannock. Those who are accepted will receive approximately 20 to 30 hours of training over a period of several weeks. Should you have any questions about the program, please contact OEM Deputy Coordinator Tom Cantisano at 973-835-5700 ext. 128 or email him at tcantisano@pegtwp.org.

Applications are available at: (Link)



Tel: (973) 835-5700
Fax: (973) 835-1152

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

(Please note: You will be notified by OEM when recruitment & training is forthcoming. Qualified applicants will be screened with a security background check and/or interviewed before appointment.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

DO YOU WORK OR RESIDE IN PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP? Work _____ Reside _____

LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED: High school _____ College Graduate _____ Graduate+ _____

ARE YOU 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU A FIRST RESPONDER? YES _____ NO _____

Police _____ Fire _____ Medical _____ Hazmat _____ Search and Rescue _____ Other _____

ARE YOU ASSOCIATED W/ANY RELATED ORGANIZATIONS? (Salvation Army, Red Cross, etc.) YES _____ NO _____

If so, please list _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE SKILLS/CREDENTIALS BELOW? IF SO, PLEASE CHECK AND EXPLAIN:

MEDICAL _____; MENTAL HEALTH/COUNSELING _____; FIRE _____; HAZ MAT _____; POLICE _____; MILITARY _____;
CDL OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT LICENSES _____; WATER VESSEL LIC. _____; AIRCRAFT LIC. _____; LANGUAGE
SKILLS _____; RADIO LIC. _____; IT/COMPUTER SPECIALIZED _____; SUPERVISION/MGT EXPERIENCE _____;

EXPLAIN _____

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STAFFING AN EMERGENCY SHELTER? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WORKING W/ANIMALS? YES _____ NO _____

I represent that all the information that I have given in this application is accurate and truthful:

Signature _____ Date _____

Please email completed application to tcantisano@pegtwp.org or by mail, Attn to: Thomas Cantisano