

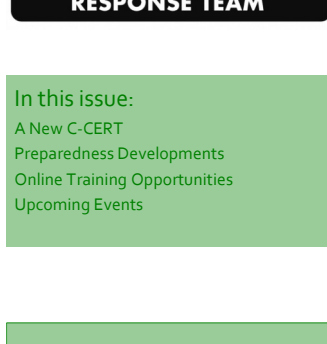
# EMU C-CERT Responder

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## A New C-CERT

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On January 16, six volunteers from EMU's C-CERT met to discuss how to give members more involvement in the operation of their team as the Emergency Management Office, who oversees the team, has lost staff as the EMHE grant has ended. These six members now comprise the EMU C-CERT Coordinating Committee. They will provide additional leadership support for the team by organizing trainings, ensuring team participation in exercises, tracking and acquiring equipment and other activities designed to keep team members involved and their skills current.



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All C-CERT members are invited to support the Coordinating Committee members. The team is what the members make it! Please feel free to contact any of the committee members with your questions, ideas or concerns. Committee Members:

“Prepare and prevent, don't repair and repent.”  
- Author Unknown

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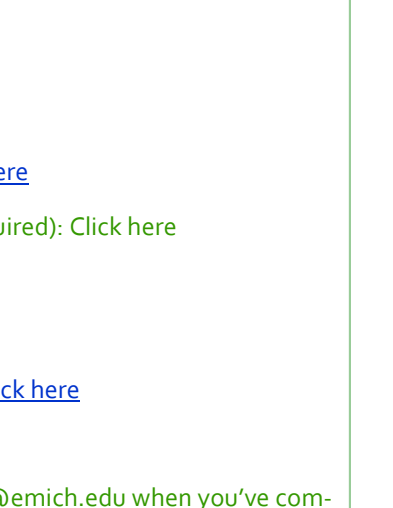
## Preparedness Developments

Currently, the Emergency Management Office is working to close out the Department of Education Emergency Management for Higher Education Grant that ended December 2011. The grant provided the funding to support many of the preparedness initiatives, including C-CERT, that have been accomplished since the start of the grant in July of 2010. Key accomplishments include:

Have you checked out the EMU Public Safety website recently? Well, keep an eye out for a brand new site coming in March!  
[EMU Public Safety](#)

- Over 120 people have been trained as C-CERT responders in three years creating one of the largest teams in the state.
- Over 460 Incident Command System (ICS) trainings completed by members of the EMU Campus community!
- 33 Building Emergency Plans have been developed.
- EMU has initiated, and has fully underway, a Continuity of Operations Plan to guide the University and keep it running through and after a major disaster.
- The University's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and key annexes has been developed. This plan outlines how EMU will respond to emergencies and assigns task and responsibilities to University departments.
- Establishment of a manage Emergency Operations Center which allows us to better manage emergencies.
- The Emergency Response Procedures were completely rewritten and updated for campus. Supporting documents included a new emergency response flipchart, emergency response wallet cards and other educational materials distributed throughout campus. These materials have been widely distributed on campus and provide an opportunity for every member of the campus community to have a resource available when an emergency happens.

2011 was one of the worst years on record for natural disasters. Total cost: approximately 52 billion dollars and counting. Visit this site for more information about the costs. [Click here](#)



## CERT Online Training

Have some spare time and want to expand your emergency response knowledge? Well, we have option for you and you can do it from your couch at home!

Here are some options:

- Skywarn Skyspotter Class: [Click here](#)
- CERT Search and Rescue: [Click here](#)
- Anticipating Hazardous Weather and Community Risk: [Click here](#)
- ICS Simulation Series: Casper Hall Dorm Fire (Registration required): [Click here](#)
- Emergency Management Institute: [Click here](#)
- Rural Domestic Preparedness Council: [Click here](#)
- National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center: [Click here](#)

As always, send your certificates to [emergency.management@emich.edu](mailto:emergency.management@emich.edu) when you've completed a course!



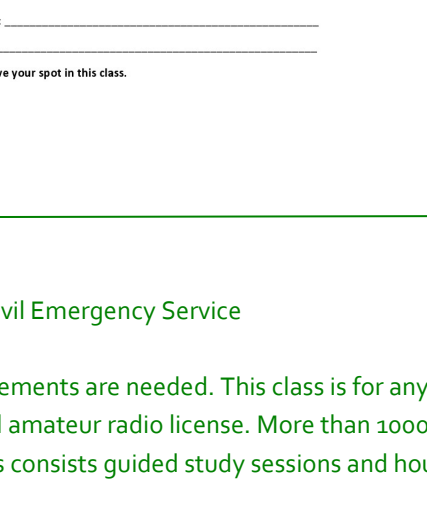
February
<a href="#">January 30th—Feb. 3:</a> Grand Rapids Ropes 1 Class (See Below)
<a href="#">10th:</a> E-Team Training, 111 Halle Library, 9:00am—12:00pm
<a href="#">19th:</a> HAM In A Day (See Below)
March
<a href="#">10th &amp; 11th:</a> Wilderness Search & Rescue Search Manager Course (Contact EM for more information)
<a href="#">16th &amp; 23rd:</a> Basic Training Class
April
<a href="#">4th:</a> Bi-Monthly CERT Meeting
May
<a href="#">19-20th:</a> Kent County Search and Rescue Ground Training (See Below)
<a href="#">30th:</a> Bi-Monthly CERT Meeting

## Event Details

### MUSAR/OFFT

### ROPES 1 CLASS

**Date:** January 30—February 3, 2012  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Fire  
1101 Monroe NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Time:** Daily 8am to 5pm  
**Cost:** \$375.00 per student



**All students must have a helmet, leather gloves and steel toe shoes.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make checks payable to the "City of Grand Rapids" Email [edfrabine@city.us](mailto:edfrabine@city.us) to save your spot in this class.  
Send payment to: GRFD, Ropes 1 Class, 38 LeGrave, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
Deadline to sign-up for the class is January 20, 2012

## Ham in a Day – February 2012 (HIAD)

Sponsored by: Kent County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service

### Description

No technical knowledge or Morse code requirements are needed. This class is for anyone who would like to obtain their technician level amateur radio license. More than 1000 people have taken this class and passed! The class consists guided study sessions and hourly breaks followed by the FCC testing session.

\*\*This class uses memory retention. People who have concentration issues or a learning disability may not do well in this type of class.

### Dates & Times

February 19th 2012  
13:00 – 18:00 Study Sessions  
18:00 – 20:00 Testing Session

### Cost

\$35.00 (includes FCC test fee)

Registration: <http://vrm.cc/hiad>

If available bring a legal photo ID such as a Drivers License or Passport. If no legal photo ID is available then bring 2 pieces of photo ID.

### Location

Kent County Sheriffs Department EOC Room  
701 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

### Questions

[hiad@kcest.org](mailto:hiad@kcest.org)

**KENT COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE:  
GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING**

**Ground Search and Rescue Operations**  
Saturday May 19th, 2012 11:00AM - 2200  
Sunday May 20th, 2012 0900-1600ish  
\*\*Times are subject to change with instructor availability\*\*

Cost: \$50.00 per Person – Checks Payable to KCEST  
\*\*\*\*2012 Curriculum\*\*\*\*  
Topics include:  
Intro to Land Navigation  
Search Equipment  
Search Techniques  
Night Search Techniques

Course Meets or Exceeds NFPA & NIMS requirements for Wilderness SAR  
Pre Requisite Incident Command System (FEMA IS-100 & IS-200)

Location:  
Kent County Sheriffs Department EOC Room  
701 Ball Ave NE 49503

\*\* You will need to attend all days/times for certification  
\*\* There will be a limit of 30 participants in the GSAR operations training  
\*\* Must be in reasonably good physical shape for field operations part

To reserve your seat:  
[www.vrm.cc/maysaro2012](http://www.vrm.cc/maysaro2012)

Sign up for the EMU Rave Text Alert System today!!!  
[www.emich.edu/alerts](http://www.emich.edu/alerts)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining C-CERT, please have them contact us and we'll send them everything they need. Please don't be shy about asking people.

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