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EMU C-CERT Responder

Introducing the bi-monthly C-CERT Responder!

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As part of the Emergency Management Offices' goal of keeping all of our C-CERT members involved and informed we are now producing a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting upcoming events, awesome CERT news, events on campus, what other CERTS' are doing around the world, and even some humor! What's the name of this newsletter you may ask? The C-CERT Responder. We welcome any input about this newsletter and you are more than welcome to submit articles too! Wow, this thing is great. We hope this newsletter will allow you to keep on track with C-CERT and improve your response skills. We also are open to you forwarding it on to anyone you think might be interested. Thanks and enjoy!



The new EMU C-CERT logo.

New Emergency Management Office leads C-CERT

Thanks to a grant from the Department of Education, Eastern Michigan now has an official Emergency Management Office under the direction of Mark Wesley. Working with him is Chris Kropelnicky, Projects Coordinator, Jason Smith, Continuity of Operations Plan, Coordinator, and Robb Morford, Emergency Management Intern. Part of the responsibilities of the office is to coordinate and grow the C-CERT. With a goal of 120 members by December of 2010, we have a long way to go. None the less, we're excited and ready to go. As always, we're here for you. You can stop by our office at DPS, email us emergency.management@emich.edu, or call us at 734.487.0799. We look forward to working with you!

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Franklin D. Roosevelt
The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself.

~ First Inaugural Address

What's going on with C-CERT?

Here is a listing of all the projects we have with the C-CERT Team. We want your help with everything listed below so if something sparks your interest or you just feel you could help, let us know, we don't bite.

- EMU CERT has a new Facebook page. Search for Eastern Michigan University CERT and join the page. This page is just an unofficial way for all of us to connect and communicate with each other. If you don't have a Facebook, get with it? Just kidding!
- Now that we have five students on the team, six actually, we have become a Student Org. This will allow all of us to take advantage of the services offered by EMU such as advertising, free room rental, and much more. The students will focus on training and recruitment specifically related to the students. All C-CERT Members are welcome to give their input. We'll keep you updated as we get a regular meeting schedule put together.
- Our C-CERT Procedures have been finalized. We'll be getting this to you soon and reviewing it with you, we'll also be practicing it soon.
- CERT games are in Brighton or Howell in the spring, still no exact date. We need at least five members to make a team. Let us know if you want to come.
- CPR, AED, and First Aid training is scheduled for, well, we're working on it. We know everyone really wants to be trained so we'll be sure to get this to you.
- Be sure that you have registered on the [Michigan Volunteer Registry](#). This makes you a OFFICIAL CERT Member.
- Train the Trainer courses are be offered in March, June, July, and September. Dearborn is hosting a TTT on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. All members are encouraged to take the training and become CERT teachers. We're also working on bringing one to EMU during the summer and we need at least 15 people. If you're interested in attending any of these trainings let us know ASAP please.
- We are still working with the state to create an advanced CERT Training. Please let us know if you have any ideas of what you would like to see in the class.

- We are planning an exercise in the spring centered around evacuating persons with special needs. We will let you now when that is as soon as we know.

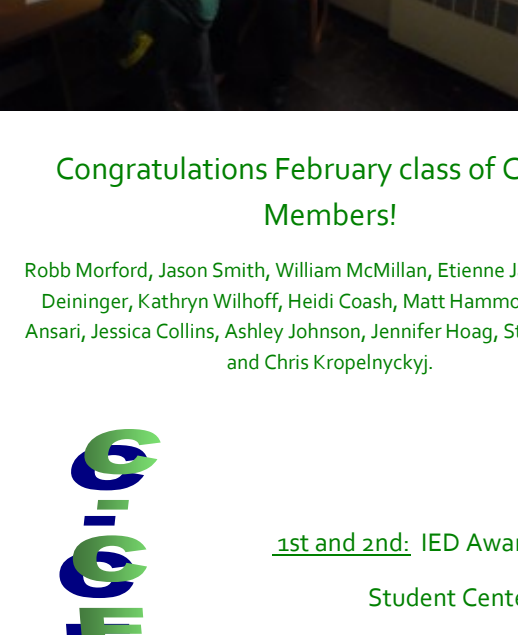
Please let us know if we overlooked something.



The people of Haiti are still recovering from their earthquake. Please donate to help if you can. Thank you!

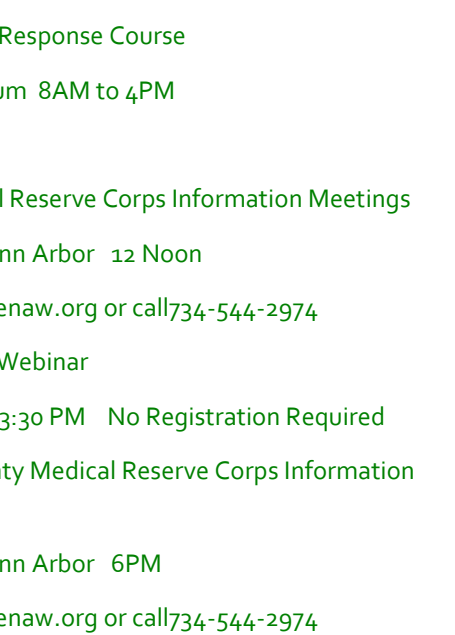


Current Threat Level



Congratulations February class of C-CERT Members!

Robb Morford, Jason Smith, William McMillan, Etienne Jackson, Heidi Deininger, Kathryn Wilhoff, Heidi Coash, Matt Hammond, Maliha Ansari, Jessica Collins, Ashley Johnson, Jennifer Hoag, Stephen Carry, and Chris Kropelnicky.



March

1st and 2nd: IED Awareness and Response Course
Student Center Auditorium 8AM to 4PM
Pre-registration required

2nd: Washtenaw County Medical Reserve Corps Information Meetings
4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 12 Noon
RSVP to fredal@ewashtenaw.org or call 734-544-2974

4th: Student Intervention Team Webinar
300 Student Center 2-3:30 PM No Registration Required

11th and 16th: Washtenaw County Medical Reserve Corps Information Meetings
4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor 6PM
RSVP to fredal@ewashtenaw.org or call 734-544-2974

31st: Bi-Monthly C-CERT Meeting
Student Center Room 352 11:30AM to 1:00PM

April

24th and 25th: CERT Train the Trainer (TTT)
City of Dearborn All Day, Both Days
Pre-Registration Required

23rd and 30th: April C-CERT Class
Student Center Room 350 All Day Both Days
Pre-Registration Required February class, plan on attending on the 30th to finish your Fire Suppression Training. Please let us know if you'll be there.

CERT EVENTS RUNDOWN

EMU was closed on Feb. 10 due to a storm that dropped 8" of snow in 24 hours. No damage was reported. RAVE Text Alerts were used along with my.emich, email, and the homepage. I know the students enjoyed it!

On Feb. 12, the EMU Emergency Alert System was accidentally set off. Throughout campus indoor fire alarms and outdoor speakers ordered evacuation of buildings. The alarms ran for over an hour while Physical Plant worked to turn them off. The problem has been identified and is being dealt with by the vendor, DPS, and Physical Plant. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope it will never happen again.

Sign up for the EMU Rave Text Alert System today!!!

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.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please email emergency.management@emich.edu.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at emergency.management@emich.edu or call (734) 487-0799

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