

Village of New Lenox

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM and SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

FREE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Thursday, September 1, 2022. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist during disasters when first responders are not immediately available to help. For additional information about the FEMA's CERT program, including the CERT Basic Class, visit

https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/about-cert?language=en_US.



CERT members that wish to continue with the New Lenox CERT Program upon conclusion of the Basic Class may do so. Graduates will have an opportunity to attend monthly training as well as volunteer for a variety of special events. For additional information about New Lenox CERT, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/NewLenoxCERT>

Those interested in registering for the CERT Course should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.



Our Core Principles:

- Readiness
- Member Safety
- People Helping People
- Doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people...

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MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE COMMONS – JUNE, 2022

The New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team was asked to assist the New Lenox Police Department on Wednesday evenings for “Movie Night in the Commons.” This activity, sponsored by the Village of New Lenox, features family-oriented movies at dusk along with a variety of snack foods available at the concession stand. Our team’s role, in part, is to serve as a visible deterrent to mischief as large groups of teens also regularly attend. Our team is also on hand should any medical emergencies occur while the event is in progress.



Following a briefing at 7:00pm, our volunteers assume various “posts” throughout the Commons, while others serve as “floaters.” Suspicious or mischievous activity is reported to NLPD Officers who are on site. Volunteers typically stay until 10:00pm – 10:30pm, depending on the length of the movie.

Thus far, our volunteers have assisted with Movie Night in the Commons on June 8th, June 15th, June 22nd, and June 29th. This assignment will continue until August 3rd. Typical staffing for Movie Night has been 6-9 volunteers per evening.

Special thanks to our outstanding volunteers who have assisted with this event during the month of June!



TRINITY TRIUMPH 5K – JUNE 23, 2022

At 6:00pm on Thursday, June 23, 2022 thirty-three members of New Lenox CERT arrived in the upper level parking lot of the Village Hall for a briefing related to the Trinity Triumph 5K. Dan Martin, New Lenox CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone and thanked them in advance for providing support for this 5K. Dan took a few minutes to talk about Trinity Services, Inc. and the good work that they do for those with functional needs. Dan also provided a brief overview of this particular race, including the course (map provided to all volunteers). Safety information was discussed, which included safety for volunteers and race participants. Everyone was instructed to dial 9-1-1 should a medical emergency occur. Following the overview, assignments, including roles and responsibilities, were discussed. Assignments included Race Marshall locations throughout the course as well staffing at the Water Station, which was located in the 900blk. of Wildwood Drive. The briefing concluded at 6:25pm at which time a team photo was taken before everyone headed out to their assignments.



The race kicked-off right at 7:00pm and within a couple minutes participants were running through the intersection of Haven Ave. & Gear Drive where our volunteers, along with New Lenox ESDA, were managing traffic. As was the case with all the Race Marshall positions, the runners and walkers were encouraged by volunteers as they traversed the course. Our volunteers also did an excellent job with managing traffic at the “S” curve, located at Gear and Mustang, which can be quite challenging. In about 10 minutes, the first

runners passed through the water station where volunteers offered cool water to keep the runners hydrated. Again, many words of encouragement were given to participants as they passed through the water station and remaining Race Marshall positions along the course. By about 8:00pm participants had passed through the last assigned locations for our volunteers who returned to the Village Hall for a de-briefing. Strengths and areas for improvement were discussed. It was noted that one motorist was not very pleasant when directed to slow down and follow instructions, which happens from time to time. However, overall everything went very well. Special thanks to our CERT members for helping to make this a successful event for Trinity Services, Inc.

BIG HEAD TODD AND THE MONSTERS CONCERT - JUNE 18, 2022

On Saturday, June 18, 2022 twenty-eight members of New Lenox CERT met at the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing related to the first Triple Play Concert of the season – “Big Head Todd and the Monsters.”

As everyone arrived, they were provided with a hi-vis polo-type shirt, which was a new addition to this year’s concert season. Everyone then headed to the Council Chambers for the briefing.

Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone and thanked them for assisting with the concert. Dan then covered the Incident Action Plan, which provided an overview of the event, safety measures and assignments. The briefing concluded, a quick team photo was taken, and everyone headed out to their assignments at 5pm. At 5:30pm the gates opened and hundreds of people flowed into the venue to claim their seats in the lawn. Our volunteers assisted maintaining the integrity of the aisles while other volunteers performed additional duties throughout the Commons.

Opening bands played at 6:00pm and at 7:30pm. Big Head Todd and the Monsters took the stage at 9:00pm and played until approximately 10:30pm. Concert attendees enjoyed the show and our volunteers did a terrific job assisting in many areas throughout the evening.

CERT volunteers assisted with egress from 10:45pm to 11:05pm as attendees departed from Gates 1, 2, and 3. At 11:05pm a short debriefing was held where assignments were discussed, including areas for improvement. Overall the evening went very well and our volunteers did a great job.

Special thanks to all our volunteers that assisted with this event. Well done!



GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE BASICS - JUNE 28, 2022

At 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 ten members of New Lenox CERT / New Lenox SAR arrived at the Village Hall for the purpose of preparing for monthly CERT training. This month's training, Ground Search and Rescue Basics (for CERT volunteers), was designed to provide CERT volunteers with a general overview of land navigation and ground search and rescue. The purpose of this training was to:



1. Provide volunteers with basic information and skills should they be needed to serve as a force multiplier during a large scale search (assigned to trained searchers).

2. Increase the level of interest in land navigation and ground search and rescue.

For those that wish to learn more, they may take an 8-hour Basic Land Navigation class, offered through the Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC). They may also wish to complete the 16-hour Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Course, also offered through ISARC. Finally, CERT volunteers with continued interest in this discipline may apply to become a member of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team.



Lisa Murphy took the lead on this training and provided a briefing to those that volunteered to be station facilitators. The stations, scheduled for 15 minutes per "team," were as follows:

Compass / Navigation - facilitated by Joe Frigo and Tricia Pakosz. This station provided a brief overview of the different types of compasses and how they work. Team members learned how to shoot an azimuth to a known point and check the reading(s) for accuracy with the station facilitators.



Evidence Search - facilitated by Scott Thompson and Lauren Humbrecht. Team members learned how to conduct a "shoulder-to-shoulder" evidence search for mock shell casings, which were actually crayons. Team members learned basic commands, line movements and responsibilities for line searchers as well as crew leaders.

AMDR / Critical Spacing - facilitated by Mary Ann Cody and Dan Johnson. Team members learned why AMDR (average maximum detection range)

is done before commencing a search and how to set critical spacing (distance between searchers). Teams conducted a brief search, in part, to practice line movement and pivoting.



Communications - facilitated by Rich Devault and Jerry Reeves. Team members learned basic radio nomenclature at this station as well as what to say and how to say it. A crew leader was chosen and assigned a radio. Teams conducted an efficiency search of the grass area in front of the performing arts pavilion to practice movement as well as communications.

The first hour was spent setting up the stations and at about 6:30pm CERT members started to arrive. At 7:00pm a briefing was held and approximately 25 team members were divided into four teams - Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta.

Lisa then led the teams to their first station and everyone was provided with the rotation times on a half-sheet, colored piece of paper. Teams were scheduled to begin a station at 7:15pm, 7:30pm, 7:45pm, and 8:00pm so that all four teams complete all four stations.

The station facilitators did an excellent job teaching team members how to perform tasks. Team members also did a great job picking up the new skills as teams rotated every 15 minutes.

At 8:15pm, using the skills learned at all four stations, teams conducted an efficiency search of an area near their last assigned station. Team members did a terrific job searching, especially considering they were provided with only a brief introduction to these skills.



At 8:45pm everyone met at the stage in the Commons for a debriefing. Lisa, along with each of the station facilitators, provided comments regarding the stations, as well as the efficiency search.

Special thanks to Lisa for planning the training and to each of the facilitators who did an outstanding job. Also, special thanks to those who attended. It was great to see everyone learning skills that can be used while hiking or maybe even on a search for a missing person someday.

ASSIST WITH “PARTY IN THE PARK” – JUNE 17, 2022

“Party in the Park” (Celebrating Individuals With Disabilities), was held on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Village Commons. The event was sponsored by the New Lenox Community Park District, the New Lenox Lions Club, and the Village of New Lenox. New Lenox CERT was asked to assist with the event in a variety of capacities. As such, 15 CERT members met for a briefing at 10:00am on the north side of the Village Hall.

Dan Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, welcomed everyone and thanked them for helping out with this event. Dan was joined by Olga Viano, Deputy Director of Recreation, New Lenox Community Park District. CERT members learned that this event was an alternative to “Special Needs Day,” which is typically held in conjunction with Proud American Days. Olga advised that they expected approximately 170 individuals with functional needs that are clients of Lincolnway Special recreation Association and Trinity Services, Inc. Olga advised that she expected buses to arrive between 10:30am and 11:30am and requested CERT members to assist with helping individuals off the buses and into the Commons. In addition, CERT members would help in other areas such as serving lunch and assisting with games. CERT was also asked to stand up a “first aid” station in the Commons, which would later be staffed with two medical professionals. Lastly, CERT was asked to assist everyone back onto their transportation at the conclusion of the event.



As Olga had planned, buses began to arrive at 10:30am at which time CERT members began assisting staff from the Lincolnway Special Recreation Association and Trinity Services, Inc. by getting their clients off the buses and into the Commons. CERT members did a great job greeting the enthusiastic guests and assisting them to the performing arts pavilion and lawn area in the Commons. By 11:30am everyone was in the Commons playing games such as a pool noodle target toss, duck pond, candy bar plinko, giant connect 4, corn hole toss, and more. There was also face painting, a balloon animal creator, and a DJ that did a great job with the music. The Lions Club provided pizza,



hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages that were served from the concession stand. It was fun to watch everyone enjoying their food, the music and all the games that were offered.

The event ended at 1:00pm and return onto the buses went smooth. Upon conclusion of the event a short de-briefing was held near the bus drop-off / pick-up area across from the Village Hall. Overall, everything went very well and a number of positive comments were made. Special thanks to everyone that assisted with this event, which undoubtedly was something that was enjoyed by all those in attendance. Great job!



SAR MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING / FIT TEST & TEAM BUILDING – JUNE 11, 2022

At 8:00am on Saturday, June 11, 2022 fifteen members from the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at Hickory Creek Preserve-Hickory Creek Junction, 21063 Prestancia Dr., Mokena, IL for the purpose of preparing for the physical fitness test and team building exercises that our team was hosting. Following a short briefing, team members responsible for the fitness test headed out to the 1-mile mark (turnaround for the 2-mile test) and the 1 ½-mile mark (turnaround for the 3-mile test). Additional team members staged at the start/finish line for the purpose of recording times for SAR volunteers participating in the test.

While the physical fitness test team was preparing, other team members began setting-up the team building exercises, which included: Cross-Net (cross between volleyball and four square), Water Rescue Throw Bag Challenge, Pool Noodle Challenge, and Frisknock (frisbee game). The set-up was completed relatively quickly, which provided team members an opportunity to test the games and make final adjustments before everyone arrived.



By 9:00am, ten SAR members arrived from agencies such as Kendall County, Naperville, Park Ridge, Aurora, and Chicago. After signing-in, physical fitness test participants headed over to the starting line and were divided into two groups, which included those doing the 2-mile test and those doing the 3-mile test. New Lenox SAR members were responsible for recording the times as our team was hosting the test.

At approximately 10:00am the fitness test concluded and everyone headed over to the staging area for the team building challenges. Aside from station facilitators, everyone was divided into four teams (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie & Delta) and provided with a schedule that showed the stations and rotation times, which were every 15 minutes. From 10:15am to 11:15am teams rotated through the four above-described stations and had a great time working together.

At 11:15am everyone came together to participate in the following activities:

Icebreaker / Warm-Up

Two lines facing each other approximately 3-4 feet apart.

Following commands from the facilitator, participants had to follow these commands:

- #1 = high five with their partner
- #2 = squat
- #3 = jump
- #4 = 360°

After understanding the commands, participants were given the commands in a random order and in a quicker fashion to make it interesting and fun.



Cone Head Challenge

5 team members balanced a small traffic cone on their heads while moving together (connected) from point "A" to point "B" and back. If any team member dropped their cone, the team had to start over.

Balloon Pop Challenge

Teams of 5 were given one 12" balloon each. Participants blew-up their balloons, tied them, and placed them between their knees. On the start command and in relay fashion, team members had to make their way to a folding chair and pop the balloon by sitting on it. Team members quickly returned to the start and "high fived" the next team member so they could go.



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Water Balloon Toss

Team members lined up facing each other. On the facilitator's command, team members tossed a water balloon to their partner. After each toss, everyone took a giant step back, which increased the distance of the next toss.



Tug-of-War

Teams were randomly divided in half to compete in a game of tug-of-war, which utilized a 90-foot rope.

The games concluded at 12:00pm at which time everyone headed over to the staging area for lunch (deli sandwiches, side salads, chips, cookies, brownies, soda and water). Lunchtime provided an opportunity to do some additional networking, which everyone enjoyed. The training concluded at 1:00pm.

Special thanks to the New Lenox SAR members that facilitated the fitness test as well as each of the team building stations – well done. Also, thanks to the team members from the various agencies that participated. We enjoyed spending time with you and look forward to seeing you on call-outs and additional training events.



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CHASING THE SUN 5K – JUNE 2, 2022

At 6:00pm on Thursday, June 2, 2022 thirty-three members of New Lenox CERT met in the upper level parking lot of the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing related to the "Chasing the Sun" 5K Run/Walk.



John Opoka was serving as the Team Lead for this event. John met prior to the briefing with Emily Johnson, CEO of the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, to go over pertinent information and any needs that New Lenox CERT members should be aware of.

John started the briefing with thanking everyone for taking the time to volunteer for this event. He also mentioned that Dan Martin expressed his appreciation for their helping out with this event. New Lenox Village Administrator, Kurt Carroll, also expressed his appreciation for all of our CERT members helping out.

John mentioned that the 5K was primarily a fundraiser for scholarships and other programs for both the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, and the New Lenox Community Park District. John also mentioned that some sponsors and companies were set up in the Commons Area. All New Lenox CERT members were invited to peruse after the event.

John reiterated the need to be safe on the course, especially working as Race Marshals controlling traffic and keeping the runners safe. The CERT "buddy system" was reviewed with special attention to any CERT member who was assigned alone at a station. Eye contact with nearby CERT members was how the "buddy system" could be implemented when this occurred. It was noted that New Lenox Emergency Services would be handling the intersections of Haven & Gear along with Haven & Wildwood. John also mentioned that a third New Lenox Emergency Services vehicle was serving as the "Lead Car." The finishing vehicle was a golf cart with a staff member (Amy) from the New Lenox Community Park District.

John mentioned the protocol for handling medical emergencies and distributed his personal cell # if anyone had further questions. All CERT members had their assignments and given instructions to return for a debriefing after the golf cart (finishing vehicle) passed their location.

The race kicked-off promptly at 7:00pm with about 185 participants. New Lenox CERT volunteers were excellent at their assignments, kept the runners safe, and offered extreme encouragement and applause to the race participants. Many runners acknowledged the active encouragement with a wave and smile.

New Lenox CERT members returned to the upper level of the parking lot at Village Hall for the debrief, which started at 7:54pm. Discussion was very positive with a few recommendations for making future 5K's even better. John mentioned the winner of the race was a recent 23-year-old college graduate that he expressed our congratulations to after the race. Emily Johnson from the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce also was thankful for all the New Lenox CERT volunteers and how they made the event a success.



Debrief ended with many New Lenox CERT volunteers going to the Commons Area to view the company booths. Special thanks to John Opoka for leading this event and to all the volunteers that assisted!

MEDICAL OPERATIONS REVIEW – MAY 26, 2022

At 7:00pm on Thursday, May 26, 2022 approximately 40 members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team arrived in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall for monthly training. This month's training included a presentation from Dr. Martin Greenberg entitled "The Silent Enemy of Heat Stress" as well as an overview of some of the CERT Medical Operations topics. These topics included:

- **Patient Assessment** – Station led by Val Grellner
- **Tourniquets / Dressings / Bandaging / Splinting** – Station led by Patty Edgett, Tricia Pakosz and Dr. Greenberg
- **Triage** – Station led by Scott Thompson

Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Greenberg for coming out to do his presentation on Heat Stress. Dan also thanked the station facilitators for preparing their stations and providing the refresher training.

Dr. Greenberg jumped right into his PowerPoint, which included the following concepts:

- Statistical data on deaths caused by heat-related illness.
- Heat Stress Factors – metabolic rate, humidity, clothing, fitness, obesity, concurrent medical risks, hydration, and ambient temperature.
- Heat Index – describes how hot it actually feels outside, or the true effect of temperature and humidity in producing heat stress. This value can be obtained from the Heat Index Table (discussed in detail).
- Definitions – calorie, heat production (multiple body heat sources, sun's radiant energy convective heating, conductive heating), heat loss, and heat regulation.
- Heat Related Illness and Treatment – heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.
- How to "Beat the Heat" – slow down, hydrate, electrolyte replacement drinks, avoid caffeinated or drinks containing alcohol, avoid direct sunlight, wear loose light colored (high tech) cooling fabrics, acclimatize, and listen to your body.



Dr. Greenberg did an outstanding job explaining all aspects of his presentation and graciously engaged in discussion with those who had questions. Dr. Greenberg's presentation ended at 8:00pm at which time everyone was divided into three teams; ALPHA, BRAVO and CHARLIE.

The hands-on portion of the training was designed for teams to spend 15 minutes at a station and then rotate to the next until all stations were completed.

At the **Patient Assessment Station**, Val Grellner did a great job explaining and demonstrating how to perform a comprehensive head-to-toe assessment.

At the **Tourniquets / Dressings / Bandaging / Splinting Station**, Patty Edgett worked with team members on dressing and bandaging. Tricia Pakosz worked with team members on splinting broken bones. Dr. Greenberg worked with team members on the proper application of tourniquets. Team members had an opportunity to practice each of these disciplines on themselves and on each other.



At the **Triage Station**, Scott Thompson went through patient injury cards and had the team members identify the correct triage category. There were some engaging and beneficial discussions based on some of the injury descriptions.

At approximately 8:45pm everyone returned to the Community Room where a short debriefing was held. Special thanks to everyone that presented as well as those who attended this valuable training!

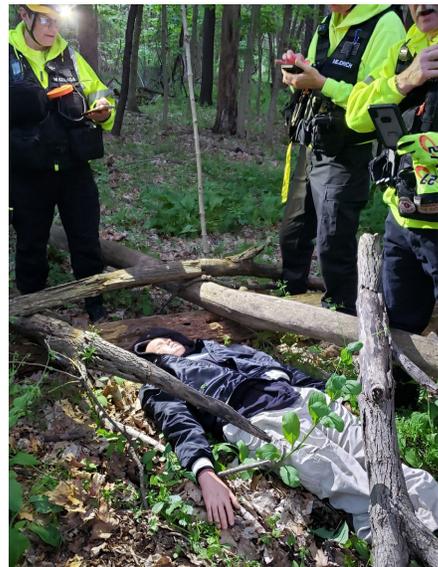


NEW LENOX SEARCH AND RESCUE SARTOPO TRAINING AT PILCHER PARK – MAY 17, 2022

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at eighteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at Pilcher Park for monthly training. In short, this month’s training focused on the utilization of the SARTopo Mapping App, which included a mock search for a missing person. A SARTopo map was created in advance of the training, which included two search segments.

Approximately 90 minutes before everyone arrived, three team members set-up the exercise, which included placing four clues (two in each search segment) as well as the “victim” (Rescue Randy mannequin) in a large wooded area. The GPS coordinates for the location of the clues as well as the “victim” were marked accordingly.

As everyone arrived they were provided with the SARTopo map’s QR Code, which opened on everyone’s cell phones. At 6:30pm everyone met at the pavilion for a briefing, which included a detailed scenario. In summary, three teenagers skipped school to spend the day at Pilcher Park. One of the boys became separated from the other two. The boys searched for their friend and after not being able to locate him, they returned home. Due to the boys being afraid of getting in trouble, there was a delay in reporting their friend missing. Eventually law enforcement was notified and performed an initial search of the area that did not result in the boy being found. A request for SAR Mutual Aid was done and teams responded to the staging location. Everyone



was given a physical description of the victim as well as a clothing description. It was also noted that the boy was diabetic and had not recently taken his medication.

At this point two teams were formed – ALPHA and BRAVO. Teams were assigned their respective search areas and provided with starting locations. Teams were instructed to utilize their radios for communication with SAR Base, conduct an AMDR exercise, set critical spacing, assign flankers, etc...

Teams searched similar (wooded) areas and began to find clues such as a smaller cooler, ball cap, t-shirt and a small bag. As teams located the clues, they marked them with their GPS units, marked them as a clue in SARTopo, and called them into SAR Base. Shortly after all four clues were located (two in each search segment), ALPHA located the “victim” on the ground – injured, but conscious (*there was a card with the “victim,” which outlined his injuries). Team ALPHA then treated him accordingly and transported him via a portable litter back to the staging area. As this was occurring, BRAVO also returned.

A short de-briefing was held, which covered the scenario from beginning to end. Overall, everyone did an excellent job with the search as well as utilizing the SARTopo app. Special thanks to those who planned the exercise as well as those that participated. Well done!



ASSIST WITH “BELIEVE YOU CAN” 5K RUN/WALK – MAY 21, 2022

At 8:00am on Saturday, May 21, 2022 thirty-six members of New Lenox CERT met in the upper level parking lot of the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing related to the “Believe You Can” 5K Run/Walk.



Dan Martin, New Lenox CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone and thanked them in advance for their assistance. Dan provided some background on this race, which was organized by the New Lenox School District #122 PTO and was formerly held at the Nelson School Campus. Dan mentioned that in addition to the 5K, there was also a wellness fair in the New Lenox Commons that would be going on after the race.



Dan thanked everyone for being properly dressed (hi-vis t-shirts & hi-vis vests) and reminded everyone to be safe while on the course. It was noted that New Lenox Emergency Services would be handling the intersections at Haven & Gear along with Haven & Wildwood. New Lenox CERT would have the responsibility of handling intersections at 16 additional locations in the Aerohaven & Wildwood subdivisions. In addition to traffic management responsibilities, New Lenox CERT was also responsible for a water station, which was located on Joliet Highway @ Wildwood Park.



Dan covered the protocol for handling medical emergencies and encouraged everyone to contact him via cell phone with other questions. Everyone was instructed to return to the upper level parking lot of the Village Hall immediately following the last walker passing by their location. It was noted that a “trail” vehicle will likely follow the last walker(s) on the course.



The race kicked-off promptly at 9:00am and after about 15 minutes, over 200 participants had made their way into the Aerohaven subdivision. Our volunteers did an excellent job keeping the runners/walkers on course as well as keeping them safe from traffic that was present within the subdivisions. In addition to doing a great job with traffic management, our volunteers also provided words of encouragement to the participants along the route.



The last walker passed through Wildwood & Old Plank Trail at approximately 10:00am and shortly thereafter everyone met back at the Village Hall for a de-briefing. During the de-briefing there were a number of positive comments and overall everything went very well. Special thanks to all of our volunteers for doing a terrific job!



MISSING MALE 14 Y.O.A. / PLANO, IL – MAY 19, 2022

At 7:10pm on Thursday, May 19, 2022 a request for Mutual Aid was received from the Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) via “I Am Responding.” The message requested searchers for a missing M/14, alleged to be missing all day. In addition to this information, the staging location was also provided (15700 blk. Laurie, Plano, IL).

Immediately following this request, New Lenox Search and Rescue Team Members were sent text messages with the above information. Subsequent to the text messages, SIX team members indicated that they would be in route to the staging location.

After about an hour’s drive, our team members arrived on scene, signed-in, and awaited their briefing. When the briefing started, our team members were advised that the juvenile had been located and that no further assistance was needed. The ISARC “I Am Responding” STAND DOWN message was sent at 9:48pm.

After signing out our team members returned to New Lenox, arriving back in town at approximately 11:00pm. Special thanks to our SIX team members to responded to this request!

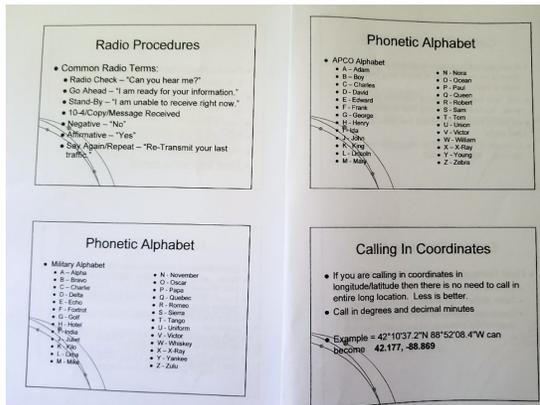
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SAR MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING / SARTOPO AND COMMUNICATIONS – MAY 14, 2022

On Saturday, May 14, 2022 three members of New Lenox Search and Rescue joined 16 other members from multiple agencies for a training held at the Yorkville Courthouse, 110 West Madison St, Yorkville IL. Kim Gotte led the training on SARTopo and Communications. Training began at 9.00am after all attendees signed in. All were provided with a Radio Log and Clue Log, as well as a handout on Radios.

The session began with a scan of the provided QR Code SARTopo map, which indicated the "play box" for the day's field training. Kim explained details of using SARTopo, from the sign-on feature to finishing the mission. Attendees reviewed creating a map and Kim stated less details are important for a variety of reasons. It's suggested to name a map with the date and location of the search rather than the lost person's name and / or mental state.

Attendees reviewed Clue features available, such as Collect, Mark, and Ignore. A Clue Report can be generated for each user for law enforcement. It's one of the reasons why it is important to use the Clue feature and NOT the Marker feature. Attendees learned that once a Clue is entered, the user entering it is the only one who can edit it, so it is important to be accurate.



On the Tracking feature (4 dots at bottom corner) Kim noted since there were usually a good number of teams out, it was best to use Date / Team Name / Initials for identification. When recording tracking, there could be a delay for 30-90 seconds before the small blue arrow appears onscreen. UTM coordinates will appear in the top right corner. When depressing the blue arrow there is an option to "Navigate To" the scanned QR Code or to enter coordinates, and then a line will be drawn that shows how to get to your destination.

Following this segment, Kim reviewed Radio Communications along with the provided handout. Field searchers should use "Search Base" and NOT "Command" when contacting Base. The communications format is "Hey You, It's Me," i.e. "Search Base from Alpha." Wait a second after depressing the microphone to speak, wait for a response, and keep the message very brief. If more details are needed, offer to call on a cell phone. Etiquette includes one talker at a time, listen to Search Base response before proceeding, and don't speak too close into microphone. The class was cautioned to use words wisely because public scanners can pick-up field communications. During training exercises, it should be radioed every 15 minutes that "This is a training exercise."

The next segment of training was the field exercise, which was to locate 22 small orange staked flags in the "play box" map area. Teams were formed and identified. Two individuals stayed at Base to log in all Radio traffic and Clues reported, which was not an easy task. Our three SAR members added a member from another team and became Team Zulu. At 11:20am teams set out in their chosen directions and began finding and calling in Clues (not Markers) with coordinates. Teams were required to spell Clue names using Military or APCO alphabet, i.e., L- Lima, P-Papa. Team Zulu worked together with someone on Comms, someone writing on the paper Clue Log, someone entering Clues on SARTopo, and someone noting Clues and coordinates on a notepad to be called in.

Team Zulu located all 22 clues, and were joined by other returning teams in the parking lot. After everyone reunited near 1:00pm, Kim held a debriefing, after which teams signed-out. Several stayed to help load up training materials, and NLSAR departed Yorkville at 1:30pm.

Special thanks to Kim Gotte for holding this training and to our team members that attended!



MISSING F/84 MARKHAM, IL – MAY 18, 2022

At 5:46pm on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 the New Lenox Search and Rescue (NLSAR) Team received a message through the "I Am Responding" app that was generated by the Will County Emergency Management Agency. In short, the message was a request from "Cook County" regarding a missing F/84. The message indicated that the staging area for this activation was in the 16100 blk. of Clifton Park Avenue, Markham, IL.

EIGHT New Lenox Search and Rescue Team Members responded to the mutual aid request and began arriving at the staging area in approximately 45-minutes. After signing in everyone (including volunteers from several other search and rescue teams) received a briefing. At approximately 7:15pm search volunteers were escorted to an area near the missing woman's home. There, teams were provided with a QR code for a SARTopo map of search area(s). Teams were instructed to search culverts, brush, and other areas without going onto private property. Also, teams were requested to write the addresses of abandoned houses found in their respective search areas.

NLSAR was divided into two teams, which were deployed at approximately 7:30pm. Our teams completed search areas and returned for additional assignments. Collectively, our teams concluded their searches by approximately 10:00pm and were back in New Lenox by 10:45pm.

At 10:21pm an "I Am Responding" message indicated there would be an additional search at 9:00am on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

At 6:00am on Thursday, May 19, 2022 a final "I Am Responding" message was sent. This one was a "stand down" order, which indicated that the missing woman was found alive.

Special thanks to our EIGHT team members that responded to this activation.

TRIPLE PLAY CONCERT SERIES TICKET SALES – MAY 7, 2022

At 5:50am on Saturday May 7, 2022 six members of New Lenox CERT arrived at the New Lenox Village Hall to brief and review their assignments with regard to the Triple Play Concert Series Ticket Sales. New Lenox Special Events Coordinator, Beth Alderson addressed the crew with information on how the flow of people on both upper and lower levels of Village Hall was intended to proceed. Additional information was discussed regarding cash and credit card purchases. All New Lenox CERT members were comfortable with their assignments, which included three members on each level of the Village Hall.



At 6:15am New Lenox CERT members were in place and engaging people in line and answering pertinent questions. At 6:43am Village staff were ready for sales and Beth Alderson gave us the go ahead to proceed with allowing people to enter Village Hall. The crowd was polite and patient as usual and our volunteers enjoyed engaging in conversation with those waiting for tickets. Everything went very well with no incidents.

A few minutes after 8:00am Beth Alderson released our volunteers as no further assistance was needed. Beth addressed the group and extended her thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Village for assisting with this event.

Special thanks to John Opoka for leading this activity, providing photos and pertinent information for this summary. Also, special thanks to our additional volunteers who assisted with this early morning event. Everyone did a great job!



LOYALTY DAY PARADE – MAY 1, 2022

At 1:00pm on Sunday, May 1, 2022 twenty members of New Lenox CERT met in the upper level parking lot of the New Lenox Village Hall for the purpose of shuttling over to the staging location for the Loyalty Day Parade. In addition to shuttling by car, some members walked over to the staging location, which was group #18, located at E. 4th Ave. & S. Prairie Rd.

As requested by the Village of New Lenox parade organizers, everyone was in place by 1:40pm. While waiting for the parade to kick-off, "assignments" were determined as follows:

- CERT banner carried / displayed by 3 volunteers.
- Mark and Lisa Sikorski's decorated (CERT & patriotic theme) Ford F-150 pick-up truck.
- Distribution of candy – numerous volunteers.
- Distribution of literature (CERT / SAR April, 2022 newsletters, New Lenox Safe Community Coalition April, 2022 newsletters, and several FEMA / Ready.gov types of preparedness literature) – numerous volunteers.



In addition to "assignments," everyone was carrying / displaying an American flag, consistent with patriotic parade theme.

At 2:00pm the parade started and by 2:15pm our group made its way onto northbound Cedar Road. There were a LOT of families along the parade route and everyone was very kind along the way. It was great to see so many smiling faces as well as appreciation for our participation in the parade. Everyone graciously accepted the handouts and the kids were thrilled to get some great candy tossed to them by our volunteers. Full disclosure..... the adults were pretty happy to get some candy too!



The parade made its way onto westbound Haven Ave. and then to northbound Veterans Parkway, where it ended near the Village Hall and library. Our group finished a little before 3:00pm and held a quick de-briefing in the upper level parking lot of the Village Hall.

Special thanks to our volunteers who provided candy, American flags, decorations, and shuttle rides. Thanks to everyone that walked the parade route and / or otherwise contributed. Everyone did a great job and we really did have a lot of fun!



TRANSPORT METHODS – APRIL 20, 2022

At 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 approximately 30 members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team met in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall for monthly training. This month's training included a refresher on the various methods that CERT members can utilize to carry / transport individuals that have been involved in a mass casualty event. Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed those in attendance and provided a brief overview and outline of the training, which included the following stations:

Station #1

Vehicle Extrication / Transport (utilized a live "victim" who was slumped over the wheel)

Village Hall Loading Dock

Led by Tricia Pakosz, Jenn Huizenga, and Berni Kacor

Station #2

Transport (utilized a "Rescue Randy Jr." mannequin, Stokes basket, and materials found after a disaster)

Village Hall Upper Level (mechanical area)

Led by Joe Frigo and Lisa Murphy

Station #3

Transport (utilized a live "victim" on a backboard – practiced strapping and transporting the "victim")

Village Hall Community Room

Led by Rich DeVault and Dan Johnson

Station #4

Transport (utilized a "Rescue Randy Sr." mannequin - practiced "log rolling" and blanket carry)

Village Hall Rotunda

Led by Scott Thompson and Lauren Humbrecht



Following the welcome and overview, everyone was divided into 4 teams, ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE and DELTA. Teams were then provided with a schedule that rotated every 20 minutes starting at 7:15pm.

All four teams utilized slightly different approaches at Station #1 / Vehicle Extrication, but all were effective. Team members used good communication skills, talked to the "victim," placed her on a backboard, and extricated her from the vehicle to safety. Tricia, Jenn, and Berni led a de-briefing after each team completed the exercise.

At Station #2 / Transport, teams carried a Stokes basket (loaded with lumber to simulate supplies) up three flights of stairs. Team members used good communication skills while navigating the staircase. Once on the third floor of the Village Hall, teams had to carry the basket through the mechanical area and back down the stairs. This was the most physically challenging station.

Station #3 / Transport, included spending considerable time working with the backboard's straps. A "victim" was utilized from each team to strap to the board and transport. Teams used good communication skills – "1, 2, 3, LIFT." Team members also assumed the roles of "Safety Officer" and "Medical Person" (near the victim's head) during the exercises.



At Station #4 / Transport, teams practiced the "log rolling" technique with the "Medical Person" at the "victim's" head giving the commands. Team members also practiced proper positioning of the blanket, rolling it and using golf balls rolled into the blanket for a better grip. Teams carried the "victim" ("Rescue Randy Sr." – approximately 170lbs.) throughout the rotunda and practiced lowering him with proper commands.

Following completion of the stations (approximately 8:40pm), everyone met in the Community Room for a de-briefing. Station leads / facilitators discussed their respective stations, which included Q & A. Following the de-briefing, everyone met in the rotunda for some photos. Training concluded at 9:00pm.

Thanks to those who attended this valuable training, which covered core skills from the CERT curriculum. Special thanks to our station leads / facilitators who spent time preparing for the training, setting-up and providing excellent instruction / tips to our team members. Great job everyone!

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MOBILE RX FOOD MARKET – APRIL 27, 2022

At 9:30am on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 fifteen members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team met in the east parking lot of New Life Church, 500 Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL for a Mobile RX Food Market, sponsored by Silver Cross Hospital, with the support (food) from Northern Illinois Food Bank.



A traffic pattern was established with traffic cones, which was followed by a short briefing. The briefing outlined duties and responsibilities of volunteers along with a discussion regarding safety measures. The truck from the Northern Illinois Food Bank arrived at approximately 9:45am at which time our volunteers assisted with setting-up the food distribution area. Some of the items included in this event were a produce box (apples, potatoes, squash, ginger roots, and pineapples), meat (frozen chicken breasts), broth, soup, milk and a few miscellaneous items. Our volunteers did an excellent job setting-up the food distribution area, which allowed the event to begin approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled start time of 11:00am.



Traffic flowed efficiently and our volunteers did an excellent job loading vehicles. The recipients were very kind and appreciative for the food as well as the efforts of our volunteers. The last vehicles came through the line at approximately 12:00pm at which time everyone assisted with stacking pallets, folding tables, and getting the remaining supplies back on the truck.



A short de-briefing was held, which included thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Great job!

MULTI-AGENCY SAR TRAINING (GPS) – APRIL 9, 2022

At 9:00am on Saturday, April 9, 2022 sixteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the Joliet Army Training Area (JATA) for the purpose of participating in Multi-Agency SAR Training. Kimberly Gotte, Section Chief - Search and Rescue, Kendall County Emergency Management Agency, welcomed everyone and began her PowerPoint presentation with an interesting overview of how GPS has evolved in the United States and the world. Kim noted that GPS has been around since the 1960s and the Pentagon appropriated funding for its development in 1973. The first satellite was launched in 1978 and GPS systems became fully operational in 1995. GPS was made available to the public in 2000.



Essentially there are 24 GPS satellites, mostly controlled by government. Four satellites with different orbits and trajectory, are needed for triangulation / accuracy. Some common users of GPS technology include the military, search & rescue, disaster relief and of course mapping / navigation systems used when driving.

The GPS receiver pinpoints your location (anywhere in the world) based on longitude and latitude coordinates. GPS has many additional features like indicating direction of travel, proximity alarms, tracks, marking coordinates, finding waypoints, and more. Accuracy of a GPS unit increases with the addition of more satellites. Solid structures (inside steel and concrete buildings) and high-tension lines will interfere with a GPS unit's ability to pick-up a satellite signal.



Kim's presentation also included a brief overview of SARTopo maps, which are now commonly used in Illinois Search and Rescue (ISARC) searches. Kim displayed examples of SARTopo maps and pointed out a number of features. Following Kim's classroom presentation, everyone headed out to Training Area 2, which includes a marked land navigation course. Kim divided everyone up into teams and provided the following coordinates:

- A) 16T 0403190E 4586720N
- B) 16T 0403100E 4586960N
- C) 16T 0403760E 4587260N (not used due to flooding from recent rains)
- D) 16T 0403800E 4586370N
- E) 16T 0403350E 4586380N



Everyone utilized their GPS units to find way points A, B, D & E, which took about 60 minutes. The terrain varied, from open fields, to wooded areas, to marshy areas due to recent rainfall. Everyone then met back at the staging area for a de-briefing of the exercise. In short, this training provided an excellent overview of GPS technology as well as opportunity to practice.

Special thanks to Kim for putting on the training and to our 16 team members that participated!

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**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
20-HOUR BASIC CLASSES**

The next 20-Hour Basic CERT Class will be held on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm starting on September 1, 2022. The final Thursday evening class will be held on October 13, 2022, which will be followed by the Disaster Simulation and Graduation on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. To register for this class, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net. Congratulations to the following classes:

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| • Class 1 Graduation | 10/17/2009 | • Class 10 Graduation | 10/31/2015 |
| • Class 2 Graduation | 12/05/2009 | • Class 11 Graduation | 03/12/2016 |
| • Class 3 Graduation | 02/27/2010 | • Class 12 Graduation | 10/29/2016 |
| • Class 4 Graduation | 10/30/2010 | • Class 13 Graduation | 10/28/2017 |
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| • Class 6 Graduation | 11/12/2011 | • Class 15 Graduation | 10/26/2019 |
| • Class 7 Graduation | 10/20/2012 | • Class 16 Graduation | 10/17/2020 |
| • Class 8 Graduation | 10/19/2013 | • Class 17 Graduation | 10/23/2021 |
| • Class 9 Graduation | 10/25/2014 | | |

To learn more about the CERT program and the CERT Basic Class, visit <https://www.ready.gov/cert>

NEW LENOX SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM / GPS TRAINING – APRIL 14, 2022

At 6:00pm on Thursday, April 14, 2022 members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met in the Community Room of the New Lenox Village Hall for monthly training. This month's training was on GPS units and was led by Rich DeVault.

Rich did a great job planning for this training. In advance of the training he contacted all of our team members to find out what type of GPS units they owned. Once Rich had this information, he went online and downloaded all of the owner's manuals for each of the respective units. Rich also printed manuals for each team member to reference during the training and to keep.



During the classroom portion of the training Rich also distributed documents that were unique to each type of GPS unit. The handouts included definitions, nomenclature, and some excellent tips / instructions for using GPS units. Some of the information included definitions of "waypoints," "location," "coordinates," "calibration," and "dashboard." Rich also talked about the importance of removing batteries from the unit when not in use and made suggestions for battery storage.

Rich then walked everyone through GPS programming to ensure that, regardless of type, everyone's unit was programmed essentially the same. Rich's instructions included going into the unit's main menu and making selections from there, such as: Satellite System (GPS), WAS (off), battery type, orientation (track up), distance / speed (metric), heading (numeric degrees), north reference (true), position format (UTM UPS), Map Tatum (WGS 84), etc... Rich also spent some time talking about proximity alarms, the "mark" feature, the "find" feature and the "in" and "out" (zoom) features. Following the classroom portion of the training, everyone went outside and calibrated their GPS units.

Everyone was then divided into teams to participate in an exercise throughout the New Lenox Commons. Rich designed the exercise to have teams heading off in different directions, looking for different points. Teams were provided with the UTM coordinates for the first point, then the next coordinates were printed on a card found at each point. After locating all four locations throughout the Commons, everyone returned to the Community Room for the wrap-up.



Special thanks to Rich for going above and beyond for this training. He did an excellent job and everyone really appreciated the printed manuals in particular. Also, thanks to those that attended the training. Without a doubt, everyone learned a new trick or two that they previously didn't know.

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