

Village of New Lenox

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM and SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

BODEANS AND SOUL ASYLUM CONCERT – JUNE 26, 2021

At 4:30pm on Saturday, June 26, 2021 twenty-five members of New Lenox CERT met in the Council Chambers at the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing related to the first Triple Play Concert. Dan Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, welcomed everyone and thanked them in advance for assisting with the first Triple Play Concert of the summer. It should be noted that at the time of the briefing, plans were being revised due to the weather forecast. For example, during the briefing we learned that the first (local) band would not take the stage at 5:45pm. Instead, the plan was to have Soul Asylum take the stage at 7:00pm so the BoDeans could play at 9:00pm. In addition, the briefing included information about:

- Food vendors and where they were situated.
- What IS and what is NOT allowed within the gated areas of the Commons.
- Where smoking (and vaping) is permitted.
- Where the gates, will call, and lost & found is located.
- What time the gates open, beer ticket sales, last beer sales, and location of points on interest.
- Seating configuration in the lawn, sound & lighting booth, and where aisles are located.
- Sheltering locations, staffing and overall plan if needed.
- Where NLFPD paramedics would be located, location of AED, Stop the Bleed kits, etc...



In addition to general information, specific assignments were discussed, which included 360° coverage of the venue by CERT volunteers. Assignments included a CERT presence at all gates, perimeter fencing, performer / trailer area, (lawn) seating area, handicapped seating area, control of access to the Village Hall, floating assignments to provided breaks and much

more. At 5:00pm, while it was still raining, the briefing concluded and everyone headed out to their assigned locations.

The gates opened at 5:30pm and guests headed out to the lawn to set-up their chairs. The first hour was slow due to the rain but as it started to clear up, more and more people started to arrive. By 7:00pm it started looking like concerts of the past and it was obvious that people were excited to see live music once again.

Soul Asylum put on a great show, which ended at about 8:45pm. After a stage set change, the BoDeans took the stage at 9:15pm and played until approximately 10:45pm. Fortunately, everything went very well and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. CERT volunteers assisted at all three gates with egress, which went smoothly. Shortly after 11:00pm a de-briefing was held in the rotunda of the Village Hall.



Our Core Principles:

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

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Special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped to make this a fun and safe event for those in attendance. ALL of the roles filled by our volunteers are important and contribute to the overall success of the concerts. Again, thank you!

MULTI-DISCIPLINE CERT TRAINING – JUNE 24, 2021

At 4:30pm on Thursday, June 24, 2021 three members of the New Lenox CERT Training Task Group met at the old New Lenox Public Works Facility, 907 Country Creek Drive, for the purpose of setting-up training that was scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. The set-up took a little over two hours and was done just as team members started to arrive at approximately 6:30pm.

At 7:00pm Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator welcomed almost 50 team members to the training. In summary, Dan explained that the training was designed to cover the principles of Staging, Incident Command and Documentation. However, the training would also be very hands-on, which would make the training more realistic. In addition to providing the overview, Dan stressed safety and pointed out that there were a number of hazards both inside and outside the public works facility. Following the briefing, everyone was divided into 5 teams (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta and Echo). The teams were designed to ensure there was a good mix of veteran and less experienced team members.

An Incident Commander was chosen as were members of the Incident Command Staff (Scribe and Communications Officer). Teams were held in the Staging Area and then called upon when an assignment was ready. For example, the first three teams were given assignments to conduct Damage Assessments of nearby structures. In doing so, Assignment Status forms were completed and teams radioed Incident Command when they left the Staging Area.

Other assignments included:

- Set-up of a Treatment Area, including green, yellow, red, and black tarps to signify injury status. A grassy area with good access the street and turnaround area for ambulances was chosen.
- Search of the perimeter of a retention pond at the east end of Country Creek Drive. At this location a 165-lb. "Rescue Randy" training mannequin was located. The team had to assess injuries (pre-printed card), Triage, Treat and Transport the "victim" to the Treatment Area.
- Search of the inside (north end) of the old public works facility. The "victims" were small blue footballs that had to be located in a dark environment, which is used as a storage area. The "victims" were then transported to the Treatment Area and were assigned injuries (cards) to facilitate documentation at the Treatment Area.
- Search of the inside of an old salt structure that now contains a couple pieces of heavy equipment. The "victims" were also blue footballs that were assigned injuries on the way to the "Treatment Area."
- Cribbing scenario where a "Rescue Randy" training mannequin was pinned under a downed street light pole. All cribbing material (wooden blocks and pry bar) was available for teams to lift the pole off the "victim," pulled out from under and further assessed for injuries.
- Search of a field area at the east end of Country Creek Drive, just beyond the retention pond. No victims were located in this area, but it represented a good opportunity for a team to conduct an Initial Search.



- Fire Suppression scenario where the team had to extinguish (dry chemical fire extinguisher) a small fire that was located at the bottom of a large rock pile (within a fire ring made of large rocks). The team did a good job with the size-up, used the buddy system as well as P.A.S.S.

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MOVIE NIGHTS IN THE COMMONS – JUNE, 2021

Due to the overwhelming success of “Movie Nights in the Commons,” New Lenox CERT volunteers have been asked to assist the New Lenox Police Department this summer on Wednesday evenings. This detail started on Wednesday, June 2nd and will continue thru Wednesday, August 11th. Thus far (June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th and June 23rd), approximately 6 CERT volunteers have been meeting NLPD Officer Kristine Kioltyka and her Cadets near the concession stand at 6:45pm. Officer Kioltyka provides a briefing and assignments are determined. Examples of locations that our volunteers have been keeping an eye on include:

- Brick and mortar “Village of New Lenox” sign between the Village Hall and the New Lenox Public Library;
- Gazebo / Garden area;
- Stage area – primarily behind and to the sides;
- Fishing platform that oversees the pond;
- New Lenox Public Library – main entrance where tables are located; and
- Other areas as determined by Officer Kristine Kioltyka.



In addition to these “fixed posts,” volunteers also walk around the Commons to provide extra eyes and ears for the police department.

The idea behind this assignment is to deter mischief from occurring so that families that come for the movies can enjoy themselves. By having trained CERT volunteers present during this event also provides another layer of safety for guests, especially in the event there is a medical emergency. Also, a number of our CERT volunteers have been trained in the use of water-rescue throw bags. So, in the unlikely event that someone goes into the pond and gets into trouble, we have a means to render assistance.

Special thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who have assisted with Movie Night during the month of June. Thank you in advance to those who will be assisting for the remainder of the summer!



PLAY DAY IN THE COMMONS – JUNE 19, 2021

At 10:30am on Saturday June 19, 2021, eight CERT members met in the Commons in front of the Village Hall to assist with Play Day in the Commons. We had a short briefing with Beth Alderson, Special Events Coordinator, Village of New Lenox. Our primary responsibilities for the day were to monitor and ensure safety at the 3 inflatables, 2 of which had a pool of water at the end. The other area we monitored was the lines for the character visits, as well as keeping an eye on the characters to be sure they took breaks from the heat.

There were no incidents on our watch. The event concluded at 3:00pm at which time the group had a short debriefing. We were all on our way by 3:10pm.



ASSIST FRANKFORT PD WITH SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN – JUNE 16, 2021

At approximately 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 our team was requested by the Frankfort Police Department to assist with the search of a missing man that walked away from his home in the late morning hours of June 15th. After obtaining all the pertinent information, a "Nixle" text message was sent to our team. In addition, the Will County Emergency Management Agency was notified and they sent out an "I Am Responding" message as well.

The staging location changed a couple times, but ended up being at Hope Church, 200 S. Elsner Road in Frankfort. By 5:00pm, there were 13 New Lenox SAR members at the staging location, joined by 2 additional team members within an hour or so. A quick briefing was held with Frankfort PD officers who related in summary the following (consistent with their Critical Reach flyer that was widely distributed):



As previously noted, the male / white / 56-year old man left his Frankfort home on foot in the late morning hours of June 15th. He was not reported missing until 8:24am on June 16, 2021. The subject was reported as having several medical issues, including being vision impaired and having difficulty communicating. He was last seen wearing a navy-blue t-shirt, light blue jeans and white & blue gym shoes. It was noted that he uses a white walking stick as an aid.

While waiting for the Will County EMA mobile command center and other searchers to arrive, our team split into three teams (Alpha, Bravo and Charlie) and deployed to a high probability area on Old Plank Trail. At this location, the teams split directions, going east and west on the trail. Teams also covered an adjacent cemetery as well as some small trails that connect with Old Plank Trail. While the teams were conducting this Initial Search, the mobile command center arrived at the staging area and formalized operations ensued.

The search expanded and included ground searchers from a number of other teams as well as UTV operations. Shortly before dark it was decided that "road searches" (searches in vehicles, combing assigned search segments) would be conducted. Our 15 team members were then divided into teams of 2 (one team of 3 as well) and headed out to assigned areas. The road searches, continued until past 10:00pm, which is about the time when most of our team members wrapped-up for the day.



At approximately 1:00pm on Thursday, June 17, 2021 our team learned that the man was found alive and well. According to a post on the Frankfort Police Department’s Facebook page, we learned that through a thorough investigation, it was discovered that he used resources to arrange transportation outside of the community. Frankfort PD was able to make in-person contact with him and confirmed that he was without any injuries. The post went on to thank the agencies that assisted, including ours.

Special thanks to our team members that responded so quickly to this request and gave it their all. We are grateful that the man was located and is safe!

NEW LENOX SAR ANNUAL PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST – JUNE 15, 2021

At 6:45pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 all members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the Forest Preserve District of Will County, Hickory Creek Trail, 21063 Prestancia Drive Mokena, IL (on north side of Rt. 30, west of the foot bridge) for the purpose of completing the Annual Physical Fitness Test. The test consists of all team members, wearing long sleeve shirts, pants, hiking boots and load bearing vests, completing a 3-mile course with hills in under 50 minutes. In addition, team members

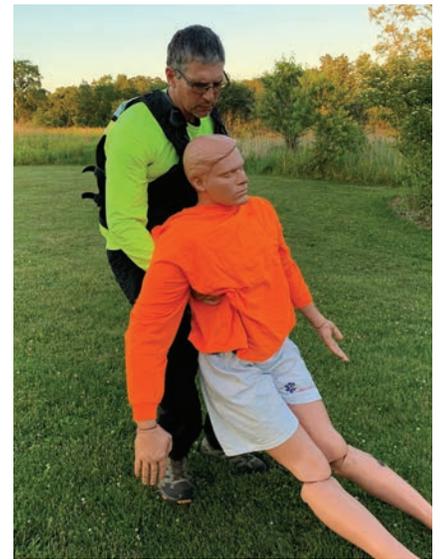


must walk at a fast pace and are not allowed to jog or otherwise break a walking stride.

Lisa Murphy, Joe Frigo and Rich DeVault previously completed the test and served as proctors for this test. Lisa remained at the start / finish line, Rich stationed himself at the one-mile mark and Joe went out to the 1 ½ mile mark, which was also the turnaround point. Lisa gathered everyone at the start line and simultaneously said GO while activating her stop watch.



Our team lucked out because the weather was perfect. We've done this test in the past in the rain, so the cooler than usual and dry conditions were a real treat. With this said, it didn't take long for everyone to break a sweat based on the pace and the hills. For safety purposes, everyone walked



with a partner or were in sight distance of other team members. In addition, and as previously mentioned, proctors were at the start / finish, one mile and 1 ½ mile mark as well. All team members had their radios turned on and Rich contacted everyone via the radio throughout the test.

Everyone was back at the start /finish line by 7:50pm and everyone passed the test. Congratulations and great job by all!



Following the physical fitness test, Joe Frigo led some transport / carry exercises with a 165lb. Rescue Randy Mannequin. The exercises were done in part, because our team recently found itself in a position where a live victim had to be carried out of a heavily wooded area. As such, team members practiced several drags and carries. This included 1, 2, and 3-person exercises.

Training wrapped up at 9:00pm after a short de-briefing.

Special thanks to Lisa, Joe and Rich for proctoring the test as well as Joe for leading the transport exercises.

Once again, congratulations to everyone for completing the physical fitness test and for participating in the training thereafter.



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CHASING THE SUN 5K – JUNE 3, 2021

At 6:00pm on Thursday, June 3, 2021 thirty-one members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team arrived in the upper level parking lot of the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing related to the Chasing the Sun 5K. Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone and, on behalf of the race sponsors (New Lenox Chamber of Commerce & New Lenox Community Park District), thanked the volunteers in advance for their assistance. In addition, nine members of Will County ARES were also in attendance for the briefing as they would be handling communications for the race. Dan also thanked the amateur radio operators for their assistance.

Everyone in attendance was provided with a copy of the New Lenox CERT / Community Event Log as well as a copy of the course map. Dan then provided a brief overview and history of the race and noted that New Lenox Emergency Services would also assist by providing traffic management at the major intersections along the course. Everyone was



directed to dial 9-1-1 in case of a medical emergency as the New Lenox Fire Protection District Paramedics would not be stationed on the course.

Approximately 250 runners / walkers registered for this race, which was the largest number of registrants since the inception of the race.

Following the safety portion of the briefing, everyone was provided with an assignment either at the water station or at a race marshal position along the course. In short, there were 8 volunteers assigned to the water station, 22 assigned to race marshal positions at 16 locations and 1 "floater" to oversee the entire course. The briefing concluded at approximately 6:20pm, which allowed everyone plenty of time to drive to their assignments and be in place before the 7:00pm start. The volunteers that were assigned to the water station graciously transported all the supplies (table, water, cups, disposable gloves, garbage bags, leaf rake) to Wildwood Park (Joliet Highway & Gear Drive) where they set-up the station. Everyone was advised that a de-briefing would be held at the same location directly following the race.

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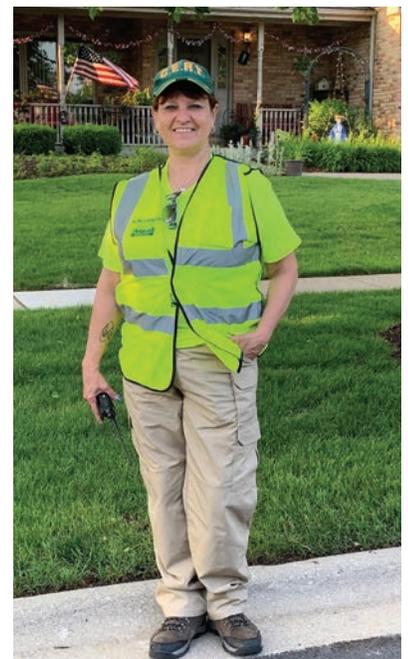
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The race kicked-off promptly at 7:00pm and the lead runners crossed Haven Ave. @ Gear Drive within a minute or so.

Seconds later they were cheered on by our first volunteers that were assigned to Gear Drive & Mustang Lane. Words of encouragement and cheering is something that our team has always done and this race was no exception. Many of the runners and walkers were kind enough to take the time to thank our volunteers for their efforts to keep them safe along the course. Shortly after 8:00pm the last walker crossed Haven Avenue @ Wildwood Drive and from that point New Lenox Emergency Services volunteers followed her to the finish.

Near the front entrance (upper level) our team held a de-briefing at 8:15pm, which included suggestions for improvement. For example, it was noted that plastic water cups held up much better than the paper ones. Additional discussion was held regarding traffic management on an "open course." It was agreed that good judgement and common sense is needed when making decisions regarding when vehicles may proceed when runners / walkers are nearby. Often times having a polite discussion with motorists, including thanking them for the patience, can increase the chances of a successful outcome. The de-briefing concluded just short of 8:30pm at which time many of our volunteers walked over to the Village Commons for the post-race activities.

Special thanks to EVERYONE that assisted with this race and contributed to its success.



ASSIST WITH SHAREFEST FOOD GIVEAWAY – MAY 28, 2021

Between 8:30am and 9:00am on Friday May 28, a total of 10 New Lenox CERT members arrived on the north side of the New Lenox Village Hall to assist with a pre-planned food giveaway that was being facilitated through Gary Cheney and ShareFest.

Our volunteers got right to work and started unloading pallets of food from a 17-foot box truck. This giveaway featured boxes of USDA produce, meat and dairy products, contained in individual boxes that weighed approximately 20lbs. each. In addition, our volunteers established a food distribution lane in front of the Village Hall by utilizing 25 large orange / reflective traffic cones. In addition to the traffic cones, a traffic management post was established at the corner of Gear Drive and Veterans Parkway (circular drive around the Village Commons).



The event was scheduled to start at 10:00am, but shortly after 9:00am, cars were already starting to line up. The volunteers, some from the United Methodist Church New Lenox as well, worked very quickly to get everything set-up. As such, the first vehicles in line were permitted to proceed through the food distribution area by 9:30am.

From the traffic management point (2 volunteers), to the vehicle survey point (1 volunteer) and through the food distribution point (7 volunteers), everyone worked very well together. The turnout was much larger than anticipated, which caused a 15-minute pause in the action until an additional three pallets of food arrived from refrigerated storage. Volunteers worked right up until 12:00pm, which coincided with the last few boxes being given away.



Following a couple pictures and at short de-briefing, everyone left shortly after 12:00pm.

Special thanks to those that assisted with this event. Another great job!



BUILDING SEARCH TRAINING – MAY 25, 2021

At 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 thirteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team (also New Lenox CERT members) met at the New Lenox Public Works Facility, 2401 Ellis St. in New Lenox to help facilitate monthly CERT training. The training was scheduled to begin at 7:00pm so a quick briefing was held to discuss logistics and what roles each of the SAR members would play in the training. In short, it was decided that 6 SAR members would facilitate building search stations, 6 would integrate into the CERT teams and 1 would serve as a “floater” to ensure the stations rotated on time. In addition to running the stations and assisting CERT members during the training, our SAR members took a few minutes to work on a building search demonstration that would occur once training was underway.

At 7:00pm Dan Martin, CERT and SAR Program Coordinator, welcomed approximately 40 CERT members to the training, which began in the large training room at the facility. Dan provided a brief overview of Unit 7, Light Search and Rescue. Although many things (size-up, transport, cribbing, etc...) are included in this unit, Dan explained that the focus of the training would be on SEARCH TECHNIQUE. Dan covered techniques found in the Basic CERT curriculum, but also added additional methods that can be utilized during a search. Emphasis was placed on safety, including using the “buddy system” and always looking for hazards.

Following Dan’s overview, a team of 6 SAR members (1 team leader, 1 scribe, 4 searchers) did a quick building search demonstration with the lights off. During one demo, all team members searched the right walls, making sure they searched all 6 sides (4 walls, ceiling, floor) of the room. In another demo, the team split, with one 2-person element searching right and another 2-person element searching left – both ending up at the exit on the other side of the room. In yet another demo, searchers “leap frogged” from one (simulated) room to the next – calling out “going in” and “coming out.” Additional search techniques, including triangulation using flashlights, were shown to those in attendance. Following the demonstrations, everyone was divided into three teams (“Alpha,” “Bravo,” and “Charlie”). Everyone was provided with a grid that showed the stations as follows:



Station #1 – Garage Area (one end to the other)
Station #2 – Mezzanine Storage Area
Station #3 – Shop Areas / Rooms

The grid was designed for teams to rotate everyone 20 minutes as follows:

7:20pm – 7:40pm

7:40pm – 8:00pm

8:00pm – 8:20pm

At each of the stations, the facilitators explained the scenario and showed the team an example of what they were searching for. Station #1 and Station #2 utilized small blue footballs, while stations #3 utilized 16” lengths of pipe insulation, which were similar to pool noodles. The teams had approximately 15 minutes to search and about 5 minutes was spent conducting a debriefing before rotating to the next station. At approximately 8:25pm the stations wrapped-up and everyone headed back to the training room for a de-briefing.

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ASSIST WITH TRIPLE PLAY CONCERT SERIES TICKET SALES – MAY 22, 2021

At 6:00am on Saturday, May 22, 2021 sixteen members of New Lenox CERT arrived at the Village Hall for a briefing. The purpose of everyone being on site was to assist in various capacities with Triple Play Concert Series Ticket Sales. Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator introduced Beth Alderson, Special Events Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, to the team. Beth provided an overview of the plan that was in place for the ticket sales.

Beth requested our team to assist in the following areas:

- Control parking in the lower level / east side parking lot (employee parking only)
- Assist with upper level ticket sales – keep an eye on lines, encourage social distancing, hold the doors open for those entering and exiting the building and have one volunteer at the front of the line to direct residents to cashiers.
- Assist with lower level ticket sales - keep an eye on lines, encourage social distancing, hold the doors open for those entering and exiting the building and have one volunteer at the front of the line to direct residents to cashiers.
- Be prepared for any emergencies, medical or otherwise, that might arise.

Following the briefing everyone headed out to their positions where lines were already forming. In fact, those at the front of the line said they arrived at the Village Hall at approximately 3:30am!



Ticket sales started a little before 7:00am and went extremely smooth as Village Hall staff had a great system in place and were very efficient. CERT members also did a great job in their respective roles and the first couple hours flew by. By 9:30am or so the lines diminished and ticket sales on the lower level of the Village Hall shut down, while upper level ticket sales remained steady with very little waiting.

Out volunteers assisted the Village Hall Facilities Manager with taking down and stacking the steel "crowd control" barriers that were in place to create back and forth lines. Once that task was completed our duties and responsibilities were complete. A short debriefing was held in the rotunda and on behalf of the Village, Dan thanked all of our CERT volunteers for their assistance.

Special thanks to everyone who assisted with this event – well done!



16-HOUR GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE – MAY 15 & 16, 2021

At 5:00pm on Friday, May 14th seven members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met Kim Gotte, Kendall County EMA / SAR & Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC), Lead Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) Trainer, at the Joliet Army Training Center (JATC) in Elwood, IL. Our seven team members were recently certified as ISARC GSAR Trainers who met Kim at the JATC for the purpose of setting-up for the Saturday and Sunday 16-Hour GSAR Course. After setting-up folding chairs on a firearms range in Area 5N for the classroom portion of the training, everyone headed over to Gate 11 in Area 2 to set-up for the field



exercises. With everyone helping out, everything was set-up by 7:30pm at which time everyone departed the area for the evening.

At 7:30am on Saturday, May 15th Kim and our GSAR Instructors met at the range to prepare for the arrival of the 23 SAR members that had registered for the course. Included in the 23 were 10 additional members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team who were all re-certifying. The other 13 SAR members were from other organizations in the northern Illinois area. Everyone arrived by 8:30am and shortly thereafter the “classroom” portion of the training was underway.

Kim, along with our 7 GSAR Instructors, took turns presenting PowerPoint slides and videos, which took approximately 4.5 hours. The classroom portion of the course ended shortly after 1:00pm, which was followed by a lunch break. Everyone

was instructed to be at the designated location in Area 2 for the field exercises by 2:30pm.

Throughout the afternoon the class completed field exercises, which taught basic search concepts. These concepts included methods to conduct efficiency searches, roles (crew leader, flankers / flaggers, searchers) as well as compass navigation concepts. Students also learned concepts for conducting evidence searches, which included searching a prairie for playing cards as well as searching an area that had been planted with small dice. At about 7:00pm everyone was given a break in advance of the night exercises.

After dark our instructors lead 4 teams for night search exercises where team members searched for articles of clothing. The same areas that were utilized during the daylight were used once again. Everyone did an excellent job with their



respective areas and it was clear that everyone was understanding the concepts. The exercises concluded at approximately 10:30pm at which time the students were dismissed and directed to return in the morning between 8:00am and 8:30am.

At 7:30am on Sunday, May 16th Kim and our GSAR Instructors to prepare for Initial Searches and an Efficiency Search Exercise with expanded areas. As instructed, the class began arriving at 8:00am and at 8:45am sharp a briefing was held. Everyone was then divided into three teams ("Alpha," "Bravo," and "Charlie"), each given an Initial Search assignment. The Initial Searches netted clues that the "victim" was in the area and set the stage for the Efficiency Searches.

Throughout the morning the teams searched their areas and found dozens of clues (articles of clothing). In addition, the "victim" was located and with some excellent creativity, he was transported back to the staging area. The searches concluded around 12:00pm at which time a de-briefing of the 2-day course was held. Shortly after the de-briefing photos were taken and Kim presented the ISARC Certificates of Completion. Everything wrapped-up before 1:00pm and a short de-briefing with the instructors was held after the students departed.

Congratulations to everyone that completed the course and special thanks to ALL the instructors who did a great job teaching the material!



ASSIST WITH VACCINE CLINIC (2ND SHOT) AT PARKVIEW NEW LENOX – MAY 12, 2021

CERT volunteers arrived promptly at 8:30am, signed-in, and gathered in the fireplace lobby. Those members that were not at the 1st vaccination were given an orientation to the building, and shown the flow of individuals receiving the shot.

Our members were welcomed by Sarah McGrath, of the Parkview Staff, and she thanked New Lenox CERT for covering this event. Our members then split-up the tasks and moved into position by 8:45am.

Areas covered:

- Greeting / Registration where paperwork was checked. If the paperwork was not brought, they were provided and additional form that had to be completed.
- Staging at the auditorium door.
- Observation area where individuals rested for 15 minutes after receiving the shot.
- Exit area where direction was given to exit the building.



All areas were covered well, and no incidents occurred during the day.

Parkview extended its hospitality by providing water, coffee, snacks, and a small lunch to the volunteers. The event closed at 3:00pm. Our CERT volunteers were thanked by Jewel / Osco and the Parkview Staff for their efforts.

Special thanks to everyone that volunteered for this event – well done!



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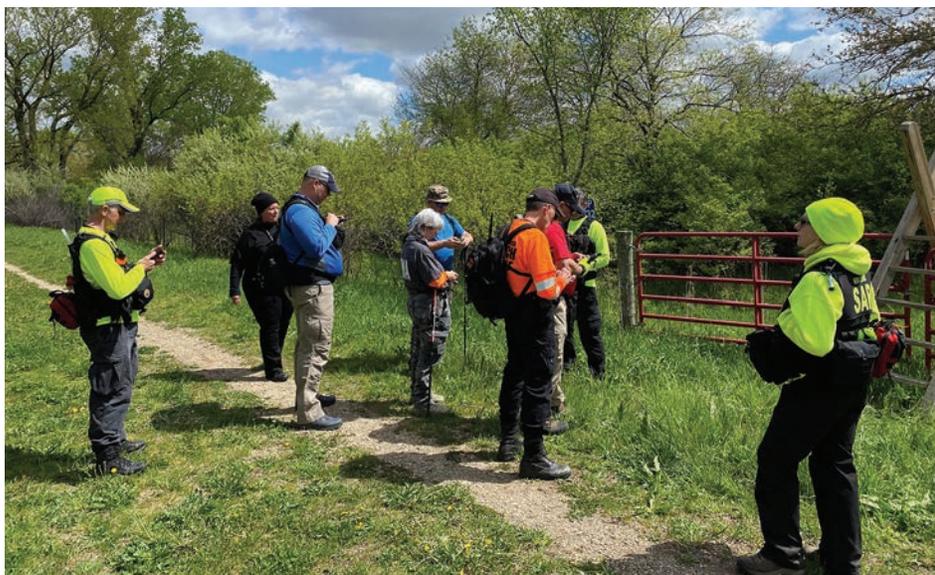
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MULTI-AGENCY SAR TRAINING AT MIDEWIN NATURAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE – MAY 8, 2021

At 7:00am on Saturday, May 8, 2021 thirteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met in the parking lot at Hoff Road & Chicago Road at the Midewin Natural Tallgrass Prairie for the purpose of holding a briefing prior to the Multi-Agency SAR Training that our team was hosting. In short, the team discussed setting-up SAR exercises around a 4-mile (loop) trail that starts and ends near the parking lot. The SAR exercises and their locations were pre-determined. The time spent in the parking lot primarily consisted of discussing which of our team members would set-up and staff each of the stations. In addition, time was spent gathering various props needed for each of the stations.

At approximately 7:15am our team members headed out on foot and by mountain bike to set-up their assigned stations. There were a total of 8 stations around the 4-mile loop, which included:

- Compass and pace count navigation (azimuth and distance in meters provided to find 2 flags)
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- Locate an object in an open field using GPS coordinates
- Flagging Exercise (provide an azimuth, 6 flags and instruct to place a flag every 6 paces)
- AMDR Exercise
- Evidence Search Exercise (search for a "handgun" and purse used in a "robbery")



Since some of the stations were as much as two miles away, most of our team members stayed at their stations while others returned to the parking lot to await the SAR members coming from other agencies.

At 9:00am eleven SAR members from various agencies were on scene, including Kim Gotte from Kendall County EMA / SAR who organizes the multi-agency trainings. Kim assisted some of the SAR members by providing them with some supplies, such as GPS units. Kim also provided everyone with a QR code, which included the UTM coordinates to all the above-described stations. Kim did an excellent job explaining the navigation feature in SARTopo so everyone

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BOMB MAKING MATERIALS AWARENESS PROGRAM (BMAP) MAY 5, 2021

At 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 approximately 45 New Lenox CERT members met via Zoom for a presentation entitled "Bomb-Making Materials Awareness" (BMAP). Dan Martin, New Lenox CERT Program Coordinator, introduced Michele Sweeney, U.S. Department of Homeland Security / CISA, BMAP Program Liaison, to those in attendance. Following the introduction, Michele began her (PowerPoint) presentation, which also included supplemental videos.

Michele provided a definition for BMAP, which can also be found in the handouts that were provided electronically following the presentation. "BMAP is a counter-terrorism bombing prevention program sponsored by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP), in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). BMAP is designed to promote bomb-making materials (BMM) awareness and reporting of suspicious activity to prevent the intentional misuse of common consumer goods used to make improvised devices (IEDs)."

Program Goals include:

- Restrict access by malicious actors to BMM and explosive precursor chemicals used to manufacture homemade explosives (HME) and IEDs.
- Provide early detection of the sale of HME precursor chemicals and BMM to suspect individuals.
- Prevent diversion and theft of HME precursor chemicals and BMM by malicious actors.
- Build a network of vigilant and informed partners who serve as the nation's counter-IED "eyes-and-ears" as the first line of defense in providing early detection of potential terrorist attacks and criminal activity.

Program Benefits Include:

- Strengthens prevention and mitigation opportunities.
- Increases BMM awareness for communities.
- Enhances public / private partnerships.
- Increases private sector point-of-sale awareness.
- Increases identification of suspicious activity and purchasing behavior.
- Improves recognition and reporting to appropriate officials.
- Promotes community-based outreach.
- Provides free, secure access to training, videos and awareness materials.
- Provides reporting mechanisms to track and measure success.

During the presentation, Michele noted that sometimes lodging facilities (motels, hotels) may be used to build bombs. Everyone should be alert to any persons who behave suspiciously or engage in unusual actions or activities. Examples of things to look for included drain opener, nitrate-based stump remover, pool shock, nail polish remover, Acetone, clothes pins, switches, mouse traps and lengths of pipe.

Michele's presentation contained a plethora of information, including a number of acronyms. One in particular that stood out was SIMP-CE, that helps to recall the components of an IED:

- **S**witch: Arming, firing, time, pressure, radio-controlled, tilt, etc...
- **I**nitiator: Electrical initiator, ignitor, light / flash bulb, time fuse, etc...
- **M**ain Charge: Commercial explosives, homemade explosives, liquid explosives, propellants, etc..
- **P**ower Source: Alternating Current (AC), Direct Current (DC) flow, mechanical energy, etc...



- **C**ontainer: Vehicle, backpack, vest, etc...
- **E**nhancements: Biological / chemical agents, fragmentation, fuel, radiological, etc...

Michele noted the importance of being aware of suspicious activity when you're in a location such as a hardware store or "big box" that sells a variety of chemicals and products. Common examples of suspicious activity include:

- Nervous or evasive customer attitudes.
- Vague knowledge of product's proper use.
- Unusual product quantities.
- Refusal to purchase substitutes.
- Insistence on in-store pick-up for bulk purchases.
- Large cash purchases.

If you actually work at the retail establishment, it's helpful to recognize products within your inventory that can be used to make bombs. In addition, ask the customer for I.D. and note suspicious purchases. Check your inventory and report missing or stolen products. It's also helpful to know your customers and report suspicious purchases or behaviors.



As noted above, Michele included some videos that reinforced her PowerPoint and lecture. There was a tremendous amount of information presented in an hour. Michele was also kind enough to take questions at the end of the presentation, which prompted additional discussion and information.

Special thanks to Michele for providing this extremely informative presentation and to those who took the time to attend!



ASSIST ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT / SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN – MAY 4, 2021

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 1:43pm the New Lenox Search and Rescue (NLSAR) Team was contacted by the Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) to assist with a search for a missing 74-year old male in St. Charles, Illinois. Seven members of the team responded and arrived at the St. Charles Police Department between 4:00pm and 5:00pm, which was the staging for this search. At 5:15pm, the NLSAR team was deployed to a high-probability area near the Point Last Seen (PLS). Apparently, the man had been seen on video at approximately 8:30pm on Monday, May 3rd in this vicinity so SAR Managers utilized this information to create this search segment and others.



The NLSAR team was given a search segment designated "110" in SARTopo (Search and Rescue app for mobile phones). This area was just north of the Kane County Fairgrounds parking lot, approximately 1 1/2 miles from the St. Charles Police Department. The team arrived and prepared accordingly for the search of this heavily wooded area. Search assignments were determined and communications were effectively managed with Command Ops throughout the search. The team started the search in the southeast point of the segment. An initial pass was performed with members approximately 20-feet apart and moving east to west, which took approximately 45 minutes. The team then searched west to east, back to the eastern edge of the segment. After a short break for hydration, the team then pivoted again for a third pass and approximately half way through their search, the victim was located. The team confirmed the victim's identity from photos provided before the search and sat him up carefully. **details regarding the victim's identity and condition will not be included in this summary.*

The Team Lead immediately called Command Ops via radio and instructed them to call him on his mobile phone, to avoid any information being disclosed to other non-SAR entities listening on the radio frequency. Command Ops was advised of the victim's condition as well as location via GPS coordinates. At this point other SAR Teams that were searching other segments were advised to stand down and return to staging.

Our team was able to assist the subject to his feet but he required assistance walking. Two team members assisted him but the woods were very dense, so others on the team cleared a path using knives and their bodies to ensure the subject could walk unimpeded. The team used SARTopo to find the closest field which was approximately 100 yards northeast of the location where he was found.



Upon arrival at the open field, the subject was lowered onto the grass and within minutes, law enforcement and paramedics arrived. The victim's medical condition was assessed, he was placed on a stretcher, taken to a nearby ambulance and subsequently transported to a local hospital. The NLSAR Team headed back to staging and were shown much appreciation from the SAR management and other SAR teams. Our team signed out and departed at 8:15pm and returned back to New Lenox at approximately 9:15pm.

This successful outcome is a testament to the hundreds of hours of training the NLSAR team performs each year. The search was managed exactly as practiced in training. The appropriate searching techniques were followed including proper spacing, flagging, navigation to ensure search lines were straight and the Team Lead staying in constant communication with searchers and Command Ops. GPS and SARTopo also proved to be very critical for this search both during the actual search and after finding the subject.

The team followed all SAR disciplines during this search which was essential to finding this missing person alive. They also implemented techniques learned in in the New Lenox CERT program to assess, treat and transport the victim to safety once he was located. Overall, this was the best outcome possible and all of our NLSAR team members should be very proud of their efforts. Well done!

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NEW LENOX SAR / ASSIST WITH FISHING DERBY – MAY 1, 2021

In mid-April, 2021, New Lenox Search and Rescue was requested to assist with the "He And Me 2021 Fishing Derby." This event was organized by the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicagoland Area and NW Indiana, 1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, IL. The event was scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Hibernia Park, 1664 Eagle Circle, New Lenox, IL. Organizers said the event would likely have approximately 150 participants.



At 12:30pm on Saturday, May 1, 2021, seven members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at Hibernia Park to hold a briefing regarding this event. Team members also checked in with event organizers. Collectively, it was decided that SAR members would space themselves approximately 100 yards apart so there would be 360° coverage of the lake.

At approximately 12:45pm team members moved into place as participants were already starting to find their places around the lake. Our team members, all trained

and equipped with water rescue throw bags, kept a close watch on everyone around the lake. Starting at 1:15pm, team members rotated clockwise every 15 minutes following radio announcements to move positions.

Our team members enjoyed watching the participants catch fish while making note of which sections of the lake yielded the most fish. At approximately 2:45pm many of the participants started moving to the pavilion for the awards ceremony while our team members continued with watch the shoreline until everyone was away from the lake.

After a short debriefing and team photos, our team members departed at about 3:15pm.

Special thanks to everyone that helped with this event, which appeared to be a big success!



ASSIST SHAREFEST WITH FOOD GIVEAWAY AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEW LENOX – APRIL 24, 2021

At approximately 9:00am on Saturday, April 24, 2021 fourteen members of New Lenox CERT arrived at the United Methodist Church of New Lenox (UMCNL) to assist with another ShareFest Food Giveaway. As with previous events, the food provided from this event was provided through the CARES Act with ShareFest being the distributor.

A short briefing was held, which included the following assignments:

- Placing numbers on windshields to represent the number of families being supplied with food.
- Traffic direction to ensure vehicles did not back-up onto Route 30.
- Traffic direction into one of two food distribution lanes.
- Assistance within the food distribution area – bulk of our volunteers were here.
- Traffic direction out of the food distribution area.
- Traffic direction onto Haven Ave.

Our volunteers then created lanes with traffic cones, staffed their assigned positions and waited for the event to start. For almost an hour (9:30am to 10:30am) there were four lanes of traffic within the UMCNL campus, but due to the efficiency of all the volunteers, no vehicles backed-up onto Route 30. CERT volunteers worked hand-in-hand with ShareFest and UMCNL volunteers in the food distribution area. Everyone did an excellent job packing vehicles with boxes of vegetables, fruits, meats, dairy and miscellaneous items.

Everyone worked diligently until 12:00pm and a couple of our folks stayed until 12:30pm to assist with clean-up duties. Special thanks to everyone that participated in another successful event!



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Triage / Treatment & Treatment Area Refresher *Cont'd.*

Patty's last section included a discussion about setting-up a Treatment Area, which included the following points:

- Scene safety, flat, easy ambulance access, uphill and upwind of any potential hazards.
- Team leader to assign one person to take charge of each tarp area (staffing may change as victims arrive) assign team members to each area.
- Distribute victim tracking documents to each area.
- Place tarps with red closest to area where victims will be arriving from.
- Place yellow next to red and green next to yellow.
- Place black tarp out of sight.
- Leave ample space for expansion if needed.
- Place medical supplies accessible for all.
- Ideally, place victims in head-to-toe pattern on the tarps and leave ample space between rows.
- Every victim should be identified, documented, and reassessed frequently.
- A change in victim's status may necessitate movement to another color tarp.
- You can always triage up to the next level (green to yellow or red; yellow to red) but never down.
- As ambulances arrive and victims are taken for hospital treatment, it's very important to record where they were taken.
- Maintain hygienic practices at the treatment station, bag and mark all contaminated waste.



Patty did a GREAT job covering a LOT of material in 90 minutes. Patty also saved time to do a quick Triage Exercise and held a brief Q & A session as well. The training concluded at 8:40pm.

Special thanks to Patty for the overview and thanks to everyone that attended!

ASSIST WITH VACCINE EVENT AT PARKVIEW NEW LENOX CAMPUS - APRIL 21, 2021

New Lenox CERT provided 6 volunteers to cover essential positions at this vaccine event. 5 of the 6 volunteers arrived promptly at 8:30am as scheduled and 1 volunteer provided relief arriving at 12:00pm.

A briefing was held with Sarah of the Parkview staff to discuss the areas needing support. Afterwards there was a quick tour and orientation and flow of the event. At 8:45am the CERT volunteers were assigned responsibilities and were in position.

These positions included:

- Registration and check-in
- Controlling access to the auditorium where the vaccines were being administered
- Observation Area (15-minute waiting period after the injection)
- Direction to the exit doors



Parkview volunteers and staff also assisted in these areas while Jewel-Osco Pharmacy staff administered the vaccines.

After an initial heavy flow of recipients, the pace slowed and was fairly steady throughout the day. All areas were handled extremely well without any problems.

Parkview Church and Jewel-Osco were very grateful to New Lenox CERT for our involvement in this event. At 3:00pm all areas were closed and each member was thanked for their service.

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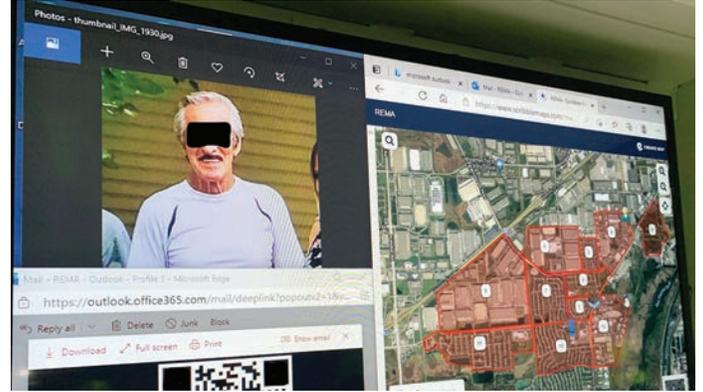
MISSING M/83 ROMEOVILLE – APRIL 19, 2021

4/19/21 @ 8:37pm

“SAR stand-by. Stand by for possible response to assist Romeoville for missing 81-YO male subject with dementia Stand by only at this time. Reply with your availability.”

4/19/21 @ 9:16pm

“SAR has been requested to Assist Romeoville with a missing 83 White Male, Staging is at RC Hill School, 616 Dalhart, Romeoville. Respond Via App.”



4/19/21 @ 10:01pm

“SAR: All unit can stand down subject has been located.”

A total of FIVE New Lenox SAR Members responded to the staging area. As the briefing was about to begin (approximately 9:55pm), everyone was notified that the subject had “returned home.” No further details were available.

NLSAR members remained on scene for a short internal debriefing. NLSAR members then left the staging area and returned to New Lenox at approximately 11:00pm.

Special thanks to those who responded to this call-out!



ASSIST WITH COVID VACCINATION CLINIC AT LINCOLN-WAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL – APRIL 15, 2021

At 7:30am on Thursday, April 15, 2021 New Lenox CERT members arrived at Lincoln-Way West High School to assist with a COVID Vaccination Clinic. This clinic was a collaborative effort between the Village of New Lenox, the Will County Health Department, Lincoln-Way High School District #210, New Lenox Township and Jewel / Osco Pharmacy. This particular event was for individuals that had received their first vaccination on March 25th.



In terms of assignments, our volunteers assisted in the following ways:

- Checked vaccination consent forms
- Checked vaccination cards for accuracy
- Observation Area – ensuring that everyone was okay following their vaccination

Our team members reported that everything ran very smoothly throughout the day and the clinic wrapped-up at 4:00pm.

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers who assisted at this event. Some stayed the entire day – 8 ½ hours!

NIGHT SEARCH AT MIDEWIN NATURAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE – APRIL 14, 2021

At 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 two members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue (NLSAR) Team arrived at Midewin Natural Tallgrass Prairie to set-up a training exercise that was scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. Our team members parked in the lot that's adjacent to Wauponsee Glacial Trail (Hoff Road, just west of Gougar Road). A 1-mile walk south on the trail brought our team members to the entrance of Midewin, where they walked west for another ¼ mile or so. Two search segments had been previously designed in the SARTopo app. One segment was north of the trail (Segment 1) and one segment was south of the trail (Segment 2). Our team's "Rescue Randy" mannequin was then dressed and strategically placed in Segment 1. Another clue, and orange skull cap, was placed further west in Segment 1. In Segment 2, two clues were placed. One was a soft grey cooler and the other was an orange jacket. GPS / UTM coordinates for the mannequin and the clues were recorded. At approximately 6:00pm our exercise planners walked back to the parking lot, which was designated the staging area for this exercise.



At 7:00pm, 15 NLSAR members were dressed and ready to go. All team members were provided with a QR code for the SARTopo map / exercise. A briefing was then held, which started with safety. Three main items were covered as follows. 1. Barbed wire fencing. 2. Water (creek). 3. Thorn bushes throughout the area. Team members were advised that the exercise was designed to practice the following skills. 1. Communications. 2. Initial Search. 3. AMDR. 4. Critical Spacing. 5. Crew Leader Skills. 6. Flanker / Flagging. 7. Efficiency Search. 8. Navigation / Compass. 9. Navigation / GPS. 10. Use of SARTopo App. Team members were NOT told that they would be practicing medical and transport skills as it would spoil the surprise of finding the "victim."

Team members were then provided with a detailed scenario about a hunter that failed to return home. Everyone was provided with a timeline, actions taken by law enforcement, a clue that was located (cell phone) and a description of the "victim," including what he was wearing and carrying. Everyone was then divided into two teams; "Alpha" and "Bravo." Teams selected their own crew leaders and flaggers. Both teams then radioed "Search Command" that they were leaving the staging area and starting an Initial Search along the trail to Midewin.



Teams arrived at their search segments at approximately 7:45pm. Both teams performed an AMDR exercise and set their critical spacing. Both Alpha and Bravo chose to search in a north / south direction with 0° and 180° azimuths and back azimuths. Bravo located both their clues (cooler and jacket) and Alpha located theirs (hat). At approximately 8:30pm the teams were instructed to meet on the trail and move to the east end of Search Segment 1. The two teams then set their critical spacing and began searching the wooded area from south to north, off the trail. On their first pass they located the training aid ("Rescue Randy" mannequin) who had fallen from a tree stand and suffered a broken leg. Medical care was provided, which included a "wilderness" splint to his lower right leg. The "victim" was then transported out of the woods and then back to the staging area, which was a little over a mile away. A portable litter was used for the transport and all lifting / carrying protocols were utilized.



Back at staging a de-briefing was held, which included observations by exercise planners, crew leaders and team members. Overall, everyone did an excellent job given the time constraints, terrain and darkness. Before leaving, upcoming events were discussed.



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ASSIST SHAREFEST WITH FOOD GIVEAWAY – APRIL 10, 2021

At 8:15am on Saturday April 10, 2021 members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) arrived at the United Methodist Church of New Lenox, 339 W. Haven Ave. New Lenox, IL, to assist with a ShareFest Food Giveaway.

The schedule for the morning was as follows:

- 8:30am Food pick-up for food pantries
- 9:00am Food pick-up for "Homebound" program
- 10:30am Food pick-up for general public

Our team members integrated with other ShareFest volunteers to set-up the food distribution area, which included two lanes for distribution. Traffic cones were set-up to create the lanes into the food distribution area as well as for the (two) exits onto Haven Ave.

For this event there were primarily boxes of mixed food, which included vegetables, fruits, dairy and other miscellaneous items. In addition, there were bulk potatoes, onions, bread, 1-gallon containers of milk, and hand sanitizer for those who came for this CARES Act supported event.

The distribution for the food pantries as well as the "Homebound" program went very well. The distribution for the general public actually began about an hour early at 9:30am. There was a steady flow of vehicles throughout the morning and our volunteers staffed the following positions:

- (1) volunteer. Initial contact with vehicles and placing a number (of households) on windshields.
- (2) volunteers. Directing vehicles into the food distribution lanes
- (2) volunteers. Directing vehicles out of the food distribution area and onto Haven Ave.
- (7) volunteers. Assisting with distribution of food.

The last items were placed in vehicles at approximately 12:00pm. Our team held a short de-briefing in the parking lot, which covered all aspects of the event.

Special thanks to everyone that assisted and contributed to the success of the event!



GPS (UTM) TRAINING AT JOLIET ARMY TRAINING CENTER – APRIL 10, 2021

At 9:00am on Saturday, April 10, 2021 five members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue (NLSAR) Team arrived at the Joliet Army Training Center for the Kendall County Monthly Multi-Agency SAR Training. Kim Gotte, Section Chief, Search and Rescue, Kendall County Emergency Management Agency, facilitated the session which focused on GPS (UTM coordinates), which was also attended by four SAR members from other organizations.

The first half of this training was in a classroom and focused on map reading and coordinates. Kim covered how to determine UTM coordinates on maps using mapping tools, grid tools and rulers. Using maps at a 1:24,000 which means that for every 1 inch on the map, 24,000 inches have been covered on the ground. Ground distances on maps are usually given in feet or miles. Attendees learned about plotting points using the last 3 digits of each coordinate. On a map, locations can be found using all of the six numbers of the coordinates (port-a-potty size), five numbers (driveway) or four numbers (garage). Depending on the item(s) being searched for, usually four numbers would be suitable, however if you're searching for shell casings in an evidence search, you would need to be as specific as possible by using all six numbers.



The group then practiced searching for plots on maps using the tools and maps that Kim provided. There is an application now used by most SAR teams called SARTopo which allows searchers in the field to mark evidence and landmarks in their search areas which can then be seen in real-time by Incident Command. SARTopo is a great tool that all searchers can utilize by downloading the free app to their smart phones. Our NLSAR team has trained many times using this app and it has proven to be very useful.

After a brief session on how to input coordinates into our GPS devices, Kim passed out some 20 questions and we found the coordinates of map items listed and determined the items on the map based on coordinates provided. This was great practice of utilizing the map tools and learning how to use them on a map.

Kim then loaded 14 waypoints onto everyone's GPS units using her laptop computer. At approximately 11:30am participants went outside into a large field on the training grounds. Everyone divided into three teams of three each and started at different waypoints, which were placed hundreds of yards apart from each other. Everyone used their GPS devices to find various items, stuffed animals and toys with GSAR markings on them that Kim had placed before the training that morning. The teams covered about 2 miles of ground searching for the items and then met back in the parking lot around 1:45pm.

After a quick debrief, all members departed at approximately 2:00pm.

Thank you to Kim Gotte for another outstanding training to learn these critical SAR skills and thank you to the five New Lenox SAR members for attending this session!



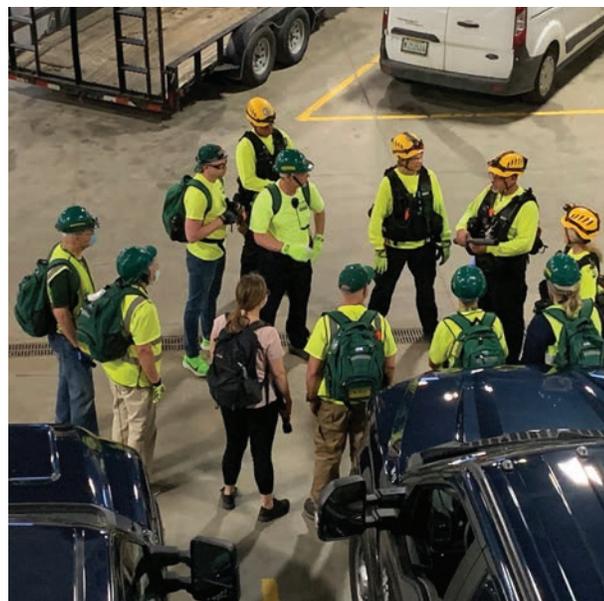
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Building Search Training *Cont'd.*

During the de-briefing, each of the station facilitators were given time to provide comments about their respective stations. Team leaders were also provided an opportunity to comment on everything from search technique to communications. All other attendees were also afforded an opportunity to provide comments about the training.



Special thanks to our station facilitators, team leaders and to everyone that attended this training. Also, a big shout out to our friends at New Lenox Public Works. We really appreciated the opportunity to train at your amazing facility – thank you!



Multi-Agency SAR Training At Midewin Natural Tallgrass Prairie *Cont'd.*

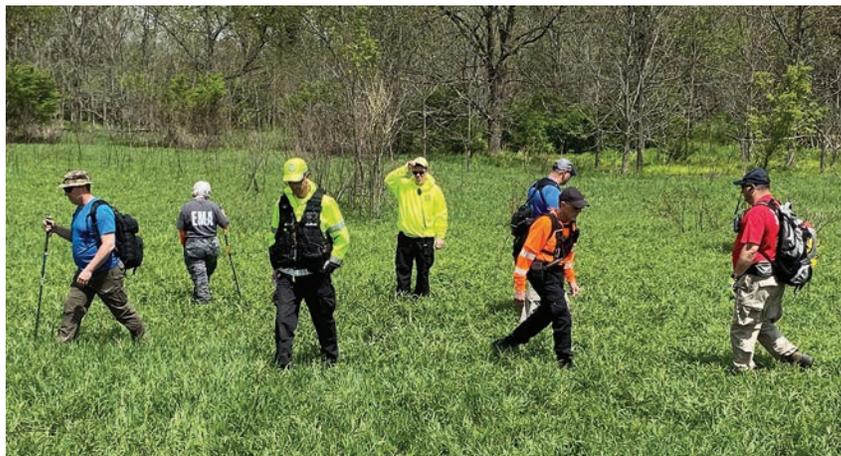
could use it to find the stations. Following the briefing, everyone was divided into two teams; "Alpha" and "Bravo." The teams balanced out at 5 and 5 with Kim trailing team "Bravo" to take photos and provide support. Team "Alpha" left staging, completed a 100-meter pace count and then started the course. Team "Bravo" left staging approximately 12 minutes later, completed their pace count and started the course as well.

In terms of communication, each station called "SAR Command" when the teams arrived and left their respective stations. This was a good way to track progress throughout the 4-mile loop. The teams completed the stations and made it back to the staging area just after 12:00pm. Some of our team members were grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, so they were ready when everyone returned. Our team members also brought salads, desserts and other goodies for the cook out. For an hour or so, everyone had lunch and spent time visiting. It was about 1:30pm or so when everything wrapped up.



Special thanks to our team members that assisted with the stations and / or brought food and beverages for our luncheon. Also, thank you to Kim Gotte for organizing and to the SAR members who attended.

We had a lot of fun hosting and appreciate everyone making the drive out to Midewin to participate!



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20-HOUR BASIC CLASSES**

The next Basic CERT Course (New Lenox CERT Class #17) will start on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30pm. The classes will be two hours (6:30pm - 8:30pm) on Tuesday nights for seven weeks. Following the last Tuesday evening class (October 19th), the Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. For additional information about New Lenox CERT or to register for a future class, 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 2 Graduation | 12/05/2009 | • Class 10 Graduation | 10/31/2015 |
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| • Class 8 Graduation | 10/19/2013 | • Class 16 Graduation | 10/17/2020 |

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Multi-Discipline CERT Training Cont'd.

Some of the above assignments were repeated by teams to provide an opportunity to do as many things as possible in the span of 90 minutes.

At approximately 8:30pm a radio communication was sent by the Incident Commander that the exercise was complete. Everyone chipped in and took down tents, tables, chairs, folded tarps, etc... All of these items were then brought to the CERT trailer where the Logistics Officer secured everything accordingly.

At 8:45pm a de-briefing was held where Evaluators, Incident Command Staff, Team Leaders and Team Members had an opportunity to comment on the exercise. As with all of our trainings, lessons were learned, which will lead to improvements as we move forward.

Special thanks to our Planning Team for setting everything up and to everyone that participated. Great training – well done!



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