

Village of New Lenox

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM and SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

PRAIRIE STATE CERT CHALLENGE RECAP – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

At 7:00pm on Thursday September 26, 2019 forty-eight members of New Lenox CERT met at Beggar's Pizza for our team's monthly training. The topic for this month was a recap of the September 21st Prairie State CERT Challenge, which was held at the Cook County Public Health Facility in Oak Forest, IL. The purpose of the training was to learn from this year's team how they trained and performed at the event. The 2019 New Lenox Prairie State CERT Challenge Team consisted of the following team members:

Buhle, Trish	Huizenga, Jenn	Matthews, Siobhan
DeVault, Rich	Johnson, Dan (<i>alternate, but participated with another team during the event</i>)	Mejdrich, Brian
Dzik, Christine	Kacor, Berni	Reeves, Jerry
Edgett, Patty	Mandella, Jean	Schuld, John
Galligan, Patrick		Thompson, Scott

After everyone enjoyed some Beggar's pizza, Dan Martin thanked this year's team for the 430 hours spent training and participating in the event. In addition, other team members spent 62 hours supporting our team by assisting with moulage and role playing for some of the training scenarios. Dan Johnson was also thanked for stepping-up and helping a team that only had 5 team members. Thanks to Dan's selfless act, the team was able to participate and in fact, did very well!

Prairie State CERT Challenge Team Members then came up to share information about each of the following (scored) stations:

Building Search
Disaster Psychology
Team Building
Transport
Treatment
Triage



Our team members talked about how they trained and prepared for each of the challenges. Training included team members studying the material on their, which helped them prepare for each of the training sessions. In addition, each of the trainings included a topic overview, which was followed by hands-on training / practice. Our team members assigned team leaders, scribes, and safety officers for each of the stations, as well as pre-determining which team members would be working together. Each of the training sessions were 2 ½ to 3 hours each.

In addition to discussing the training, our team members shared information about each of the stations. Information included what they could recall about the scenario, evaluator instructions, scoring, how they performed, and how they scored. It was noted that our team performed above average on each of the stations except Team Building, which was only slightly below average.

The recap was very informative and important take away(s) included:

1. 15 of our team members have now improved their skills.
2. 15 of our team members will likely continue to train or start training others.
3. 15 of our team members will likely continue to be leaders and / or take on leadership roles.
4. New Lenox CERT will benefit from our team's participation in the 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge.
5. The Village of New Lenox will benefit from our team's participation in the 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge, as will the State of Illinois.

The recap ended at approximately 8:45pm with thanks and appreciation given to those who attended. Once again, thank you and congratulations to our 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge Team!



Our Core Principles:

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

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6TH ANNUAL OUR FALLEN HERO 5K – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

At 7:15am on Saturday September 28, 2019 ten members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met in the parking lot of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, located at 19515 115th Avenue, Mokena, IL for the purpose of participating in the “6th Annual Our Fallen Hero 5K – In Memory of PFC Aaron Toppen.”

Aaron Toppen grew up in Mokena and graduated from Lincoln-Way East High School. Aaron followed his dreams and was sworn into the United States Army in July 2013 where he received training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Aaron then reported to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team in Colorado. Aaron was then deployed to Afghanistan in March 2014 and made the ultimate sacrifice for his Country during a joint operation of Afghan and NATO forces in the Arghandab District of southern Zabul province. Aaron was killed on June 9, 2014 and as a way to remember and honor him, family and friends created the “Our Fallen Hero 5K,” with the inaugural event being held in September 2014.



After opening remarks and the National Anthem, the race kicked-off at 8:00am. Our team walked the 3.1 mile course in New Lenox SAR attire, completing the course in approximately 50 minutes. Following the race, our team members took some photos and visited some of the post-race tents and exhibits. Our team left the area at approximately 9:30am. Everyone that participated agreed that it was an honor to do so, in support of PFC Aaron Toppen, a true American hero.

BRING THE FREEDOM 5K – SEPTEMBER 21, 2019



At 7:00am on Saturday, September 21, 2019 twenty-four members of New Lenox CERT arrived at the New Lenox Village Hall to assist with the “Bring the Freedom 5K.” The briefing began at 7:03am with New Lenox CERT Team Leader John Opoka welcoming all in attendance and explaining their assignments. All volunteers also were given a race route map to locate their individual station as either a race marshal controlling traffic, or handling duties at the first aid / water station.



The race sponsor Provision Lab, was discussed, as was the total number of runners expected for the race. Volunteers were refreshed on handing water to runners. Volunteers were also reminded to be alert in traffic for their own safety as well as the safety of race participants. Everyone was informed that Will County ARES would handle radio communications and New Lenox ESDA would handle traffic control at major intersections. All volunteers were informed to call 9-1-1 to report an emergency and report other concerns to the Team Leader. The briefing ended at 7:30am and all volunteers were dispatched to their locations prior to the start of the race at 8:00am.



The race began right on time at 8:00am and progressed smoothly with no issues or concerns. Shortly after the start, Jerry Watts of Will County ARES communicated that four donors/walkers for the event decided to abandon the route and just walk around the sidewalk in the Commons. John Opoka went to that area to monitor them till they completed their walk.

The race was over at 8:45am and a short debrief followed with no issues needing to be discussed. John Opoka did mention that representatives from Provision Lab (Mr. Jordan Mitchell & Mr. Joe Dascenzo) specifically thanked them for their help and encouragement to the runners. Special thanks to all of our volunteers who assisted with this 5K and to John Opoka for doing a great job as Team Leader!

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AMDR / CRITICAL SPACING / SEARCH LINE MOVEMENT / NIGHT SEARCH – SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

At 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 seventeen members of New Lenox SAR met at the New Lenox Public Works Facility, 2401 Ellis, for monthly training. This particular training consisted of the following disciplines:

- AMDR (Average Maximum Detection Range)
- Critical Spacing (aka Critical Separation)
- Search Lines / Line Discipline
- Night Search

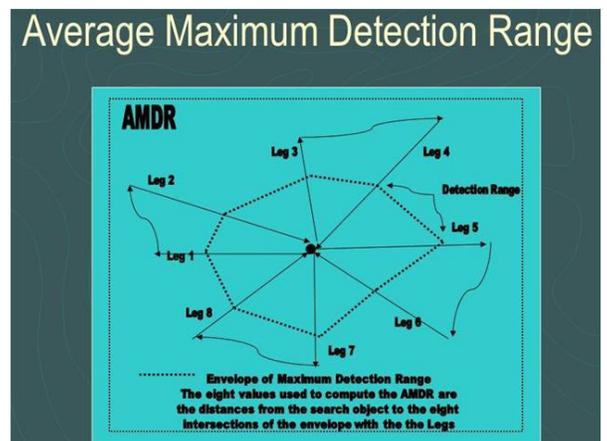
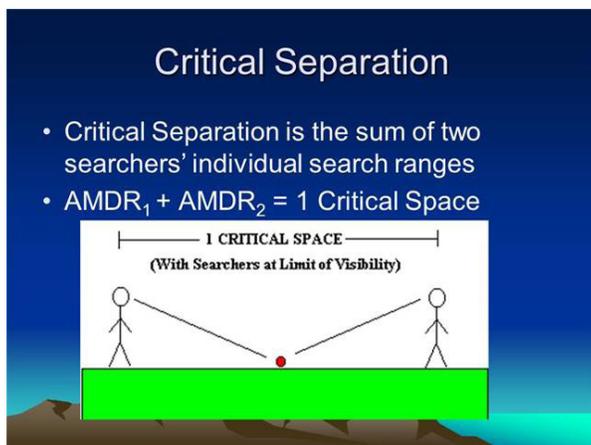
Dan Martin welcomed those in attendance, which was followed by a brief overview on AMDR. Following the overview, the team practiced the technique in the parking lot. Once obtaining their numbers from the AMDR exercise, team members utilized the numbers for critical spacing. Team members lined-up across the parking lot and spaced themselves accordingly. Team members did several rotations until they were comfortable with the technique. The team then practiced search line movement in the parking lot. Flaggers were designated as were team leaders. Team leaders then directed the lines across the parking lot. Flagging was simulated and team members conducted 360-degree searches of their respective areas each time the line stopped. Keeping the line straight by utilizing peripheral vision was stressed as was moving the flaggers ahead in advance of the line.



Following the overview and practice of the above-mentioned disciplines, the team was provided with a scenario. In short, team members were instructed to conduct an efficiency search for a missing teen (Rescue Randy mannequin). Team members were divided into two teams (Alpha and Bravo), ensuring that each team had members with GPS units. The teams were then provided GPS coordinates (UTM) of their north, south, east, and west boundaries, which included an open field just to the south of the New Lenox Public Works Facility. Alpha was instructed to start in the northwest corner of their segment and Bravo was instructed to start in the northeast corner of their segment. Both teams were instructed to go no further than their southern most GPS coordinates where a retention pond was also located.

Both Alpha and Bravo established team leaders, flaggers, and searchers. Both teams completed AMDR, which was utilized to determine critical spacing in the field. In addition, both teams were instructed to utilize their radios to contact "Search Command" regarding their movement. The teams did a good job staying on their respective azimuths by utilizing the GPS coordinates that were given. Shortly after the teams completed their first pass, and in the interest of time, teams were given an intelligence update. Teams were advised that law enforcement was able to "ping" the victim's phone and determine its GPS coordinates. The teams were provided with the GPS coordinates and were instructed to locate the victim. Within 2 minutes the "victim" was located and was assessed for injuries. Team Bravo then transported the "victim" back to the staging area at which time the scenario concluded.

A short de-briefing was held, which included strengths and areas for improvement. Training concluded at approximately 9:00pm, at which time Dan thanked everyone for participating!



“IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS 2019” – SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Eleven members of New Lenox CERT attended "In the Midst of Chaos" on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. This program was presented by Region VII All Hazards Emergency Preparedness Committee. The first New Lenox CERT member arrived just before 6:30am and saved a table to accommodate the others who arrived between 6:30am and 7:30am. Attendees who signed-up for the "Stop the Bleed" early bird session went to their class. A breakfast of pastries, yogurt, juice, and coffee was available until 8:00am. Attendees were given tote bags containing a long-sleeved conference t-shirt, reflective light, emergency sleeping bag, and a raffle ticket for the raffle table. Following the color guard ceremony and National Anthem sung by Jim Cornelison, the first speaker was introduced by Conference Moderator, Dr. James Doherty.



Dr. Anthony Lukin's topic, "Implications of the New Terror Threats," covered the most prevalent terrorist groups and how they operate on principles of violent extremism.

The second speaker, Dr. Mike McCormick, spoke on "Advanced Warning: Hot Topics on Drugs." His department, Laboratories and Scientific Services (LSS), is the scientific department for Border Protection. It originated in 1848 and is responsible for monitoring what comes into the country and from where.

Attendees were able to browse many informational booths during a short break. Following the break, the breakout sessions began, which included the following choices: 1. "Helping People Survive Tornadoes;" 2. "Patient Reunification;" 3. "Jason's Journey: Traumatic Brain Injury;" and "EMS is Special."

After lunch, which was served from 11:00am to 12:00pm, another set of breakout sessions began. The four topics from which attendees could choose were: 1. "Trauma: Case by Case;" 2. "Nurse Analysis Legal Review;" 3. "Hospital Emergency Preparedness;" and 4. "Stop the Bleed."

Next was speaker Mike Clumpner, who opened with statistics of how many people were shot per minutes and seconds in several of the most recent mass shootings. He discussed how "greens" can run far past first responders, away from the threat, and then collapse or become reds very quickly. He also indicated that in an emergency, it is often better to drive the patient quickly to the hospital than wait for an ambulance. He stressed that in public safety, there is no option in saying "NO," responders must be ready to handle mass casualty.

The next speaker was the actual dispatcher from the day of the Ferguson Riots in Missouri. Ntasiah Shaw played dispatch recordings and relayed all that occurred on that day, including involvement of emergency personnel that were dispatched to the scene.

The final speaker, Dr. James P. Cole, spoke about his experience during "Chaos in the Moroccan Desert." He told the story of how he had been given a team of inadequate medics with limited skills in trauma or desert operations, and had expressed serious concerns about it. What he chose to do was to spend 9 hours daily on extensive training of his personnel on equipment, procedures, and mock situations. One morning, an Osprey helicopter crashed during training near their field tents. Dr. Cole narrated how he and his team were able to improvise, adapt, and overcome an emergency situation without the immediate necessary support that was desperately needed.

Closing remarks followed the final presentation, and everyone exited the conference center at 4:00pm.

Thanks to all who attended this wonderful workshop and especially to Christine Dzik for an excellent summary and photos.



SHAREFEST “RECYCLEPALOOZA” HHW & RECYCLING EVENT – SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

At 7:00am on Saturday September 14, 2019 New Lenox CERT volunteers began arriving at the Spencer Campus to assist with the ShareFest HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) “Recyclepalooza” & Recycling Event. The event was led by Will County – Will County Green (WillCountyGreen.com), with the support of their respective HHW and electronics recycling vendors, as well as volunteers from ShareFest, New Lenox CERT, and New Lenox Emergency Services. The event was slated to start at 8:00am, but vehicles were starting to line up as early as 7:20am.



Dan Martin introduced our CERT volunteers to Marta Keane from Will County Green who briefed everyone on traffic flow and how HHW, electronics, Styrofoam, scrap metal, scrap wood, food, books, household goods, and worn American flags would be dropped-off. Our team’s primary assignment was to assist with traffic flow throughout the campus and answer questions from those who were participating in the event. Thankfully, we had enough volunteers to assist with the drop-off of Styrofoam, scrap metal and scrap wood, which was an all-volunteer operation.

Staffing for the day was as follows:

- 7:00am to 9:30am 10 CERT volunteers
- 9:30am to 11:30am 12 CERT volunteers
- 11:30am to 1:30pm 10 CERT volunteers
- 1:30pm to 3:30pm 8 CERT volunteers

Everyone assigned to traffic positions did an excellent job directing guests and answering a variety of questions throughout the day. Those assigned to the drop-off area for Styrofoam, scrap metal and scrap wood worked unbelievable hard all day.



Some interesting totals for the day were as follows:

70,804 pounds of electronics was accepted

1,132 vehicles came through the campus

- HHW 884 vehicles 78%
- Electronics 835 vehicles 74%
- Donations 306 vehicles 27%
- Wood 164 vehicles 14%
- Metal 135 vehicles 12%
- Styrofoam 140 vehicles 11%
- 329 vehicles were from New Lenox, which was 30% of the total (largest volume from all communities listed)

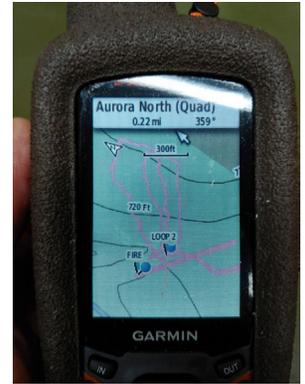


Fortunately, the weather was great all day (sunshine and low 80s), which made it a perfect day for this type of event. By 3:00pm the lines had diminished and the event starting wrapping up. Following a short de-briefing, our volunteers were dismissed at 3:30pm. Thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a huge success!



NIGHT SEARCH / KENDALL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TRAINING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

At 5:00pm on Saturday, September 14, 2019, thirteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the New Lenox Village Hall for the purpose of carpooling to Fabyan Forest Preserve in Geneva IL. Our SAR members arrived at the staging area shortly before 6:00pm and signed-in according to protocol. After checking in, our 13 team members were divided into two search teams, with 6 on one team and 7 on the other. Each team needed to have at least one member with a GPS for the exercise.



At 6:23pm Kim Gotte began an overview in an unused parking area. For this exercise, the crew leaders were asked to upload their search segments to their GPS units. Kim said using GPS and its tracking features would display whether teams were in their correct search segments and determine how well the segments were covered.



Hazards were stated to be bugs, thorn bushes, and considerable deadfall, as well as liquor bottles. We were advised to avoid a "mushy hole" should it be encountered in one of our search segments. A creek ran through one segment as well. The weather was forecast clear, with tripping hazards, bugs, and possible barbed wire.

All flagging tape would be yellow for the exercise and was provided to all teams. Kim had glowing "slap wrists" and glowsticks for flankers. There were small reflective strips for daytime and nighttime that team members could try out but return afterwards. We were told all search segments touched a trail. Teams were informed they could use a color feature for their GPS search segments.

At 6:45pm a briefing was held. Our subject was an 8-yr. old autistic boy named "Aidan Lee," with shoulder length brown hair, green eyes, fair complexion, in good health. He was 75lbs, 49" tall, wearing brown, size 5 tennis shoes, white socks, blue jeans, a blue t-shirt and a green n black Mutant Ninja Turtle t-shirt. The mother had said a photo of her son was available. Aidan was said to be afraid of loud noises like sirens, and his safe word was "Blackhawks."



The New Lenox team was divided into 2 groups, each with radio communication to Command and a GPS. At 7:20pm "Team Delta" started out into their search segment, Area 11, following the GPS download. "Team Charlie" also started out a few minutes beforehand, in an opposite direction. Maps and instructions were provided.

After a brief regrouping on the trail, Team Delta set out for the 2nd pass. The woods had much deadfall and the team also had to be aware of large orb spider webs across the paths from time to time. Team Delta's 2nd pass was completed at 9:30pm. The team began to return to base and arrived at 9:45pm. The search segment took 2 hrs. 17 minutes over 2.1 miles.

While waiting for the last team to exit the woods at 10:40pm, NLSAR kept busy trying to pick-off numerous burrs and weedy stickers covering everything worn, including gear. After the last team returned to base transporting the "training aide," a debriefing was held by Kim Gotte. Of great interest was Kim's laptop showing colored tracks of each team's GPS segments and how there were navigated.

Following the debriefing, teams signed out at 11:00pm. The New Lenox teams arrived back at the Village Hall at 12:00am. Special thanks to each of our team members that participated in this exercise!



KENNY LOGGINS CONCERT – AUGUST 31, 2019

At 4:30pm on Saturday, August 31, 2019, twenty-two New Lenox CERT volunteers met in the Council Chambers at the New Lenox Village Hall for a briefing regarding the Kenny Loggins Concert. Kenny Loggins was the third (and final) 2019 Triple Play Concert, sponsored by Mayor Baldermann and the Village of New Lenox.



Dan Martin gave the briefing, which included a summary of the following information:

- Gates open at 5:30pm with anticipated attendance of 5,000 people;
- Bands - "Kavoossi" from 6:00pm to 7:00pm; "Empty Pockets" from 7:30pm to 8:30pm; and "Kenny Loggins" from 9:00pm to approximately 10:30pm;
- Food and beverage vendors would be position in the Commons circle from the Village Hall to the New Lenox Public Library;
- Severe Weather Shelters – New Lenox Village Hall, New Lenox Police Department, New Lenox Public Library and New Lenox Community Park District (701 W. Haven Ave.).
- Assignments – as noted in the "CERT Community Event Log" and in the concert's "Incident Action Plan;" and
- Incident Action Plan overview provided, including shelter assignments.

The briefing concluded at approximately 4:45pm, at which time a group photo was taken before everyone left the Village Hall for their assignments.

All CERT volunteers were in place by 5:00pm and as scheduled, the gates opened at 5:30pm. From 5:30pm until 9:00pm the crowd kept getting bigger and bigger. The opening bands did a great job of warming up the crowd for Kenny Loggins. CERT personnel were kept busy with some medical issues that occurred in the seating area in the lawn. Our CERT volunteers worked hand-in-hand with New Lenox Police Department and New Lenox Fire Protection District personnel.



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WATER RESCUE / WATER SAFETY TRAINING – AUGUST 28, 2019

At 7:00pm on Wednesday August 28, 2019 fifty-two member of New Lenox CERT met in the Community Room at the Village Hall for monthly training. The topic for the month of August was Water Rescue / Water Safety. Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator, welcomed everyone in attendance and provided information about upcoming events and activities. Following the welcome, Dan turned the floor over to Tricia Pakosz who provided a 20-minute overview of Water Rescue / Water Safety. Included in the overview was a 6-minute video that reinforced Tricia’s overview. Tricia then divided everyone into four groups for the outdoor hands-on stations.



Everyone then walked across the street to the New Lenox Commons where Joe Frigo provided additional instruction about Water Rescue / Water Safety. Joe’s overview included throw bag methods, proper holding of the line and how to pull someone ashore. Joe also covered how to float down river in strong current should a searcher go in the water. This portion of the overview included how to catch the line and how to hold it in relation to one’s body.

Those in attendance then went to their (first) assigned station, which included:

- One station (land) where individuals could practice their throws with bean bags attached to lines and weighted milk jugs attached to lines.
- Three stations where individuals could practice their throws with water rescue bags. The three stations were at various locations around the pond.
 - Stations were led by Mary Ann Cody, Gregg Buda and Joe Frigo. Additional SAR members assisted at each of these stations.
 - Lisa Murphy, Sean Murphy, and Joey Frigo were in kayaks on the water and wearing Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Each served as a “target” for those practicing their throws from land.



Training went extremely well with teams rotating every 15 minutes or so. After getting in lots of practice, everyone met in one of the gardens in the Commons for a short de-briefing. Each of the station leads provided additional comments, which provided the structure for a good discussion. Training concluded at approximately 8:45pm giving our instructors and assistants much thanks and appreciation.



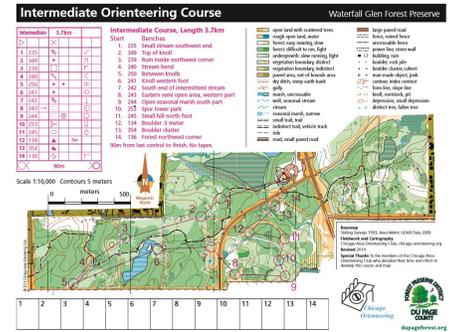
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ORIENTEERING AT WATERFALL GLEN – AUGUST 10, 2019

At 8:00am on Saturday August 10, 2019, ten members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the New Lenox Village Hall for the purpose of carpooling to Waterfall Glen in Darien, IL. The purpose of traveling to Waterfall Glen was to participate in Kendall County's Multi-Agency SAR Training. This month's topic was orienteering, including the "Intermediate Orienteering Course" designed by the Chicago Orienteering Club with support from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. The team left the Village Hall in three vehicles and arrived at Waterfall Glen at approximately 8:35am.



At 9:00am Kim Gotte, Section Chief, Search and Rescue, Kendall County Emergency Management Agency, provided everyone with a brief overview on how to utilize a map and compass needed for the course. The "Intermediate Orienteering Course" is a 3.7km course situated north of Northgate Road and borders the property of Argonne National Laboratory. The map for this course contained the course marker number and a short description of where each of the markers are located (ex. "small stream southwest end" or "top of knoll").



Everyone was broken into small groups, which headed out to the course in a staggered manner. In summary, participants had to orient their maps to north at each of the markers.

Once oriented, the compass needed to be placed on the map and lined up with the next marker to determine an azimuth. Participants had to utilize the map's scale (1:10,000 / 0-500 meters) to determine the distance to the next marker. The map's legend also played an important role in finding the markers. The legend contained helpful clues such as "small trail," "forest," "stream," and many others.



The teams navigated their way through the course throughout the morning. This course provided a great opportunity for participants to practice their map reading skills, compass skills and pace counting. Our team met back at the starting point at 12:00pm and conducted a short de-briefing. Following a quick team photo, our team headed back to New Lenox, arriving at the Village Hall shortly before 1:00pm. Special thanks to Kim Gotte for organizing this training and to our team members who participated!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 5-6, 2019 Illinois Search and Rescue Council Conference in Clinton, IL
- October 6, 2019 / 8:00am CASA Running 4 the Kids 5K / 10K / 8-Miler at Martino Jr. High
- October 12, 2019 / 9:00am Kendall County Multi-Agency Training at Oswego Police Department
- October 13, 2019 / 7:00am Chicago Marathon at Grant Park (pre-registered volunteers only)
- October 19, 2019 / 7:00am LWSRA Trick or Treat 5K at Jewel Foods (Schoolhouse & Laraway)
- October 22, 2019 / 7:00pm Building Search at location TBD
- October 26, 2019 /8:00am CERT Class #15 Final Exercise at New Lenox Village Hall
- November 2, 2019 / 1:00pm Kane County Full-Scale Exercise in Elgin, IL
- November 9, 2019 / 9:00am Kendall County Multi-Agency Training at location TBD
- November 21, 2019 / 7:00pm Team Building at New Lenox Public Works
- December 10, 2019 / 6:00pm Presidential Service Awards at New Lenox Village Hall
- December 14, 2019 / 9:00am Kendall County Multi-Agency Training at location TBD
- December 18, 2019 / 7:00pm NLSAR Training – Night Search at location TBD



New Lenox CERT Activity

New Lenox SAR Activity

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 6, 2019

At 5:45pm on August 6, 2019 twenty-six members of New Lenox CERT met in front of the New Lenox Police Department for a briefing related to National Night Out. In the interest of time and given the fact that families had already started to arrive for National Night Out activities, the briefing was kept short and our volunteers headed out to the following locations:

- Concession Stand – 10 CERT volunteers to assist with making hot dogs as well as distributing bottled water and popcorn.
- Performing Arts Pavilion (in front of stage) – 6 volunteers to assist with making sno cones.
- Inflatable #1 (in front of NLPD) – 2 volunteers to assist with safety in and around the inflatable.
- Inflatable #2 (top of hill lawn area) - 2 volunteers to assist with safety in and around the inflatable.
- Inflatable #3 (top of hill lawn area) - 2 volunteers to assist with safety in and around the inflatable.
- CERT Information Table (across from NLPD) – 4 volunteers to hand out emergency preparedness literature, promote New Lenox CERT and recruit for CERT Class #15.

National Night Out started at 6:00pm and included inflatables, food, informational tables, a musician, touch-a-truck type area and the HERO "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailer. Families with young children parked all around the Commons to attend the event, which remained busy until 8:00pm. Our CERT volunteers did a great job in each of their respective areas and were able to enjoy the event as well.

The event ended with some families going home with some great raffle prizes like bicycles and televisions. CERT volunteers checked out shortly after 8:00pm and were thanked for their time and efforts. Great job and special thanks to our volunteers that assisted at this year's event!



FAMILY FUN DAY AT NLFPD STATION #1 – AUGUST 3, 2019

At 10:15am on Saturday, August 3, 2019 five members of New Lenox CERT met at New Lenox Fire Protection District (NLFPD) Station #1 for "Family Fun Day." Our members set-up our informational table, which included our brand-new display board, information from Ready.gov, information on severe weather, and information about our 20-Hour Basic CERT Class. The event started at 11:00am with plenty to keep the



kids and families busy. This included an opportunity to climb aboard a fire engine, use the "Fire Safety Simulator," see a smoke alarm demonstration, jump in an inflatable, eat some tasty pizza, try on some fire fighter gear, learn about kitchen safety, and visit the informational tables, including New Lenox CERT's. Everyone had a great time at the event, which ended at 2:00pm. Special thanks to our volunteers who participated as well as to the NLFPD for the invitation.



JOAN JETT AND THE BLACKHEARTS CONCERT – JULY 20, 2019

At 4:30pm on Saturday July 20, 2019 twenty-three New Lenox CERT volunteers arrived at the Village Hall for a briefing related to the Joan Jett and the Blackhearts Concert. Everyone parked in the upper level parking lot of the Village Hall and met in the Council Chambers for the briefing. Dan Martin, CERT Program Coordinator welcomed everyone and thanked everyone in advance for assisting with the concert. In summary, Dan advised that there would be approximately 5,000 in attendance for this concert and that everyone had to ensure that they stayed cool and hydrated. Dan noted that at the time of the briefing, the temperature was 97° with a heat index of 104°. Everyone was advised to take care of themselves and keep an eye out for heat-related illness in the crowd. It was noted that the New Lenox Fire Protection District would have a cooling tent set-up near Gate #1 and the rotunda within the Village Hall could be utilized as a cooling center as well.



During the briefing everyone learned about the layout of the venue as well as what was and was not permitted inside the venue. For this concert, due to the heat, guests were allowed to bring in bottled water and carry-in personal misting fans as well. Included in the briefing were the assignments for the twenty-three volunteers, which ranged from providing golf cart rides to the venue from handicapped parking areas to keeping a watchful eye out in the seating area (lawn) for concert goers in any type of distress. During the briefing, everyone was assigned a facility (Village Hall, New Lenox Public Library, New Lenox Police Department, and New Lenox Community Park District) in the event of severe weather. The Severe Weather Shelter Plan was discussed so everyone knew what to do at each of the facilities. The briefing concluded at 4:50pm, which was followed by a quick photo in the Council Chambers. Everyone headed out their assignments and were in place by 5:00pm,

30-minutes before the gates opened at 5:30pm.

The "Blacklist Regulars" took the stage at 6:00pm and played until 6:45pm. "Blue Oyster Cult" then played from 7:15pm until 8:30pm, and did a great job warming up the crowd for "Joan Jett and the Blackhearts" who took the stage at 9:00pm. Everything went relatively smoothly throughout the evening, which was partially due to a cool front that came through at around 5:30pm that lowered temperatures considerably. As always, our volunteers did an excellent job in their respective areas, all of which are critical components that lead to the success of each of the Triple Play Concert. The concert ended at approximately 10:20pm at which time concert goers headed toward the gates to exit the venue. Our volunteers did an excellent job working hand-in-hand with NLPD Officers and Cadets, ensuring that no one left the venue with alcoholic beverages. At approximately 10:45pm our volunteers met at Gate #1 and then walked over to the lower entrance of the Village Hall and into the rotunda for a briefing.

As always, the de-briefing yielded useful information that will be passed along to the Special Events Coordinator to help make the next concert even better. During the briefing everyone was thanked for a job well done and the de-briefing ended just before 11:00pm. Again, GREAT job everyone – thank you!



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NEW LENOX CERT DISASTER EXERCISE – JULY 23, 2019

At 1:00pm on Tuesday July 23, 2019 Patrick Hardin from MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), arrived at the old New Lenox Public Works Facility, 907 Country Creek Drive, with three large crates of training mannequins. New Lenox Public Works personnel assisted by taking the crates off of Patrick's flatbed truck with a fork lift. The crates were placed around the public works yard at which time six New Lenox CERT members, along with Patrick, removed the mannequins from their crates. The mannequins were then strategically placed throughout the yard. The set-up was being done in advance of the Disaster Exercise that was scheduled for 7:00pm. This exercise was scheduled as our regular monthly training, but through the CERT Association of Illinois, invitations were extended for other teams to participate.



It took approximately two hours for the mannequins to be placed, tagged (medical condition for teams to read and triage), and photographed. In addition to placing the mannequins throughout the yard, approximately eight of them were placed inside the public works facility and an additional two were placed on the east side of building. In total, 22 mannequins were put in place for the exercise along with two body parts, (arm and leg). In addition to placing the mannequins, a cribbing station was designed, which included placing a mannequin under an old police car. In addition, a fire suppression station was designed in the middle of the yard near some debris. A mock gas main was also set in place on the west side of the public works



facility for a planned "inject" of a smell of gas which would prompt a team to shut off the gas main.

Other exercise preparation included setting up sound effects inside the public works facility to distract teams while they searched. At the end of Country Creek Drive the CERT trailer was placed with all the needed supplies for the exercise. In addition, a tent was set-up for registration / check-in and another one was set-up for Incident Command. Tables and chairs were placed at both locations along with a dry erase board at Incident Command. A large cooler with bottled water on ice was placed in a "Rehab" area to ensure team members stayed hydrated. Traffic cones were placed on the street to prohibit access to the area and a "Training in Progress" diamond-shaped sign was erected as well. In addition, New Lenox Emergency Services placed an electronic message board at the west end of Country Creek Drive with a message that read "Training Exercise in Progress." New Lenox Emergency Services also placed a light trailer at 907 Country Creek Drive where the Treatment Area would be set-up during the exercise.



Shortly after 6:00pm team members from New Lenox, Alsip, Addison, Northbrook, and Round Lake Beach arrived and signed-in at registration / check-in. By 7:00pm, approximately 70 people were on scene and ready to participate in the exercise. Daniel Martin, New Lenox CERT Program Coordinator, provided the briefing, which included the scenario as well as safety information. In short, the teams were on scene to respond to a tornado event. Teams would be needed to conduct a search of the area, which would include a size-up and

damage assessment of structures. During the search, teams were instructed to triage, treat, and transport victims accordingly. CERT members were advised to handle the incident as though it were real and to utilize the training and skills learned the CERT Basic Class during the exercise.

Incident Command began by identifying Team Leaders who were called over to the tent for their assignments and issuance of radios. Team Leaders then assembled teams of six and headed over to logistics for supplies, which mainly consisted of triage and medical supplies. Not long into the



exercise, teams went to logistics for additional supplies such as backboards and fire extinguishers. After leaving logistics, teams called in over the radio and then once again when they arrived at their assignments.

Within minutes of the commencement of the exercise, teams began to locate victims who were triaged accordingly. The radio became very busy with notifications that victims were located, which was followed by requests for transport teams. A treatment area was established with red tarps (Immediate), yellow tarps (Delayed) and green tarps (Minor). Later, an area away from the treatment area was established with a black tarp (Deceased). Very quickly the treatment area became very busy with "victims" arriving in various conditions.



Evaluators watched teams search, triage, treat, and transport throughout the exercise. In addition, evaluators / station facilitators watched teams at the cribbing station as well as at the fire suppression station. Evaluators provided constructive feedback for participants and watched closely to ensure team members were following safety protocols. In approximately one hour and fifteen minutes, all the "victims" were located, triaged, treated, and transported to the treatment area. Teams also conducted a second sweep of areas just to be sure that all "victims" were located. At 8:30pm the exercise concluded and everyone was instructed via the radio to return to the staging area.



At the staging area a de-briefing of the exercise was held. Evaluators provided constructive feedback for all participants and each of the Team Leaders spoke on behalf of their teams. In addition, several CERT members added comments and feedback. The de-briefing concluded at 9:00pm at which time team members from outside teams were released to allow them time to drive back to their respective jurisdictions. Almost all of the New Lenox CERT members stayed for at least 30 extra minutes to help with clean-up of the entire exercise area.



Special thanks to the following:

Patrick Hardin and MABAS for the delivery, use, and next day pick-up of the mannequins.

- The Exercise Planning Team, those who came out to set-up the exercise and our Evaluation Team who all did an excellent job to make this exercise a huge success.
- CERT members coming from far distances to participate in this exercise. It was great to work with and network with everyone.
- New Lenox Emergency Services for the use of their facility, setting up the electronic message board and the light tower. Specifically, Peter Fattore who helped with mannequin set-up, sound effects and in other areas.
- New Lenox Public Works for taking the crates of mannequins off the MABAS truck and then putting them back onto the truck the following day.
- Sean Hastings, Editor, New Lenox Patriot, for spending 2 ½ hours on scene covering the exercise and for his subsequent article.
- New Lenox CERT members that participated in the exercise and to those who stayed to help with clean-up. You all rock!



CHICAGO ROCK AND ROLL HALF MARATHON & 10K – JULY 21, 2019

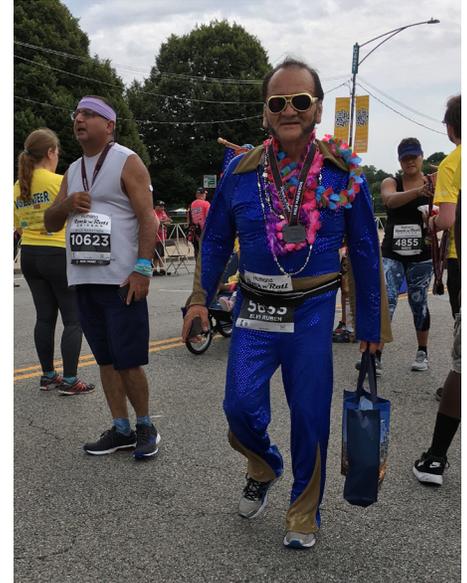
At 4:15am on Sunday, July 21st, Janet Maes, Jerry Reeves and Berni Kacor met at the Village Hall and headed downtown for the Chicago Rock and Roll Half Marathon/10K Race. After parking in the designated lot, the 3 checked-in at the medical volunteer tent where they received a name tag, t-shirt and light breakfast provided by race sponsors while waiting for other volunteers to arrive for a 5:30am informational meeting. A little before 6:00am, Christy – the Medical Team Coordinator – along with Drs. Pearce and Hanler, gathered all the medical volunteers outside the main medical tent to explain general responsibilities, various medical teams (sweep, critical care, first aid/comfort care, triage and main medical) and where supplies would be located. The whole medical team consisted of nurses, EMTs, a psychologist, chaplain and CERT members from Chicago, Addison, and Northbrook in addition to New Lenox. Over 10,000 runners representing all 50 states and 38 countries were expected to run. Luckily, the extreme heat and humidity predicted a few days earlier subsided the night before and heavy rains waited until after the completion of the races.

After the general meeting, each medical team dispersed to their assigned locations within the finish line area. The CERT members were part of the sweep team which was situated closest to the finish of the races. Team Captain, Rich Frizelis, asked volunteers to roll wheelchairs to our location just past the race finish, then assemble for a small group briefing on the morning ahead. Rich went over what to look for as the runners neared/crossed the finish line (disorientation, dizziness, muscular or skeletal complaints) and accompany these runners to the proper area for care. The sweep team was instructed to keep the runners moving, not just suddenly stop when they finished the race; not to let the runners lean over, sit or lie down in order to keep from passing out; walk/run with or talk to them to make sure they are ok; ask runners to lift their arms up; and look for anyone who might find a little corner or hiding spot to rest and make sure they are alright. Most importantly, cheer on the runners and have fun! Races started at 6:30am and since there was time before the first runners made it to the finish, volunteers helped fill large containers with ice and water, prepared cooling towels, filled plastic bags with ice cubes and got medals ready to be handed out to the runners. Once those tasks were completed, some of the volunteers were handed radios and partnered with those without radios. At this point, Janet, Jerry, and Berni were separated to different locations along the finish line path – Jerry was approximately 1 block before the finish line, Berni was where the runners crossed the line, and Janet was about 100 feet past the finish line.

Runners for the 10K started to appear about 40 minutes into their race and half marathoners about 65 minutes into their race. Some dressed for the occasion in costumes such as Elvis Presley and Minnie Mouse. Most participants had no unusual problems after completing their race; they received their medals and proceeded to the refreshment area for water, Gatorade, bananas, granola bars, etc. Those

who showed any sign of pain or discomfort were attended to promptly and given appropriate attention at either the critical care or first aid tent. Fortunately, very few had any serious conditions. A light sprinkling of rain started about 8:00am, which helped keep everyone cool. The rain stopped within the hour which was when the last of the 10K runners and a good portion of the half marathoners came across the finish line. The end car followed the last few people close to 4 hours after the start. At that point, all volunteers helped with packing supplies, emptying containers, cleaning up, and returning wheelchairs to the main tent. Rich held a short debrief of the event and thanked everyone for assisting by giving them “souvenir” half marathon medals. Janet, Jerry, and Berni returned to the parking garage and drove back to New Lenox just as it began to downpour, arriving at the Village Hall shortly before 12:30pm.

Special thanks to Janet, Jerry and Berni for representing New Lenox CERT and doing a great job!



NEW LENOX SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING / GPS AND UTM - JULY 17, 2019

At 7:00pm on Wednesday July 17, 2019, eighteen members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at Pilcher Park for monthly training. The Team met on Highland Park Drive, just west of Gougar Road at the first parking area. At this location, Dan Martin, SAR Program Coordinator, provided everyone with a quick overview of GPS – UTM Coordinates. Dan’s overview included information that was obtained from the Kendall County Multi-Agency SAR Training that a number of our volunteers attended on Saturday July 13, 2019.

Following the overview, everyone was divided into four teams – Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta. The teams were previously given 20 waypoints that had been programmed into GPS units utilizing UTM. At this time Alpha was instructed to start with waypoint #1, Bravo was instructed to start with #6, Charlie was instructed to start with #11 and Delta was instructed to start with #16. Teams then set off in various directions toward their waypoints, which were marked with red biodegradable flagging tape that was numbered accordingly.

In addition to locating the waypoints, the teams practiced their communications skills by calling in each waypoint that had been located. Teams were instructed to take turns finding the waypoints to gain experience using GPS units. At approximately 8:15pm the waypoint finding exercise concluded with two teams locating all the waypoints and two teams very close to finding all of them.



The teams were then given an example of how, on occasion, teams are asked to search a field that has no defined boundaries (road, trail, creek, etc...). In those instances, it’s very helpful to know how to enter UTM coordinates and how to find starting points, as well as search parameters. At this time teams were given UTM coordinates for the northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest corners of a field in Pilcher Park. They were also given dividing line (center) points, which divided the field into two sectors. For scenario purposes, these sectors were identified as Sector 7 and Sector 8.

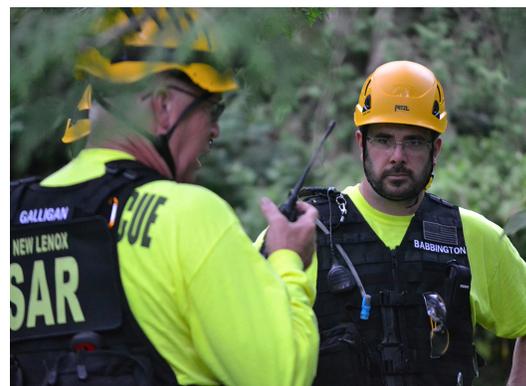
After entering the UTM coordinates into GPS units, Alpha and Bravo combined into one team (Alpha) while Charlie and Delta combined into another team (Charlie). The teams were given instructions to find the starting points as well as the parameters of the sector. While doing so, they were instructed to conduct an efficiency search and flag the field accordingly. Both teams met in the middle on their last pass and did a very good job searching both sectors. In addition, they found a small toy that had been included in the scenario. The clue was called into Search Command and the correct UTM coordinates were given.



At approximately 9:00pm training concluded and a debriefing was held. Overall, everyone did an excellent job with the exercises, which provided excellent practice with UTM coordinates. The briefing concluded, everyone put away their gear and our team cleared the park by 9:30pm. Special thanks to those who attended this very hands-on training!



Photo courtesy of Sean Hastings – New Lenox Patriot.



KENDALL COUNTY MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING / GPS AND UTM – JULY 13, 2019

At 8:00am on Saturday, July 13, 2019 four members of New Lenox SAR (NLSAR) met in the parking lot of the New Lenox Village Hall to carpool to the North Aurora Police Department for training. Two additional NLSAR members drove separately as they had family functions to attend immediately following training. At approximately 8:40am all six NLSAR members arrived at North Aurora PD and went into the facility’s training room. By 9:00am, there were almost 30 SAR volunteers from various jurisdictions in attendance for GPS training that had an emphasis on UTM coordinates.



Kim Gotte, Kendall County SAR and Illinois Search and Rescue Council Board Members, welcomed everyone. Beth Drendel from North Aurora also welcomed everyone and provided housekeeping and safety information for those in attendance. Beth then turned it back over to Kim who provided some historical background on UTM coordinates. Kim explained that UTM is used by the military and the grids / squares are one kilometer by one kilometer. The world is split into 60, 6-degree zones. With this said, UTM is not utilized above North 84 degrees and South 80 degrees. The smallest grid unit on a USGS map is 1:24,000, which may vary on maps with different scales.

Via a PowerPoint presentation, Kim provided various examples of how to read UTM coordinates.

- ☐ 11T MP 90150E 15325N NAD83 (down to 1m square)
- ☐ 11T MP 9015E 1532N NAD83 (down to 10m square)
- ☐ 11T MP 901E 153N NAD83 (down to 100m square)

In another example, Kim described “Easting” and “Northing.”

- ☐ 16T 0402431 4648150
- ☐ 16T = the zone (we are in this zone – there’s no need to read “16T”)
- ☐ 0402431 = Easting
- ☐ 4648150 = Northing
- ☐ This example would read “0402431 by 4648150”

In terms of maps, Kim explained that some USGS maps have the grid drawn. Older sheets show blue tick marks and numbers on the border.

Another example:

- ☐ 59741 82182 (describes a 1m by 1m square)
- ☐ 5974 8218 (describes a 10m by 10m square)
- ☐ 597 821 (describes a 100m by 100m square)
- ☐ 59 82 (describes 1000m by 1000m square)

Everyone had an opportunity to find / plot a coordinate on a map that Kim had provided. Often times it’s easy to find the corner of a square / grid and then use the tick marks up and down (northing) and left to right (easting), to find a coordinate on a map.

Following the classroom presentation, Kim uploaded everyone’s GPS units with 24 UTM coordinates that would be utilized in a field exercise. Everyone was then provided directions to Lippold Park, 2001 S. River Street, Batavia, IL where the field exercises would be conducted.



From approximately 11:00am to 12:40pm groups of 2-4 were given the assignment to locate 24 flags that were placed throughout Lippold Park a day earlier by Kim and Beth. All the groups were able to locate all 24 flags, after which a de-briefing was held under a pavilion. In short, it was an excellent exercise that allowed everyone to become familiar with their GPS units and UTM coordinates. Our team left the park shortly after 1:00pm and arrived back at the Village Hall at 2:00pm. Special thanks to Kim Gotte for providing this valuable training and to our SAR members for attending.



NEW LENOX RELAY FOR LIFE – JULY 12, 2019

John Opoka graciously assumed the role of Captain for this year's New Lenox CERT Relay for Life Team. John attended the Captain's meetings for months leading up to the July 12th event at Lincoln-Way West High School. Over the course of several months, John assembled our team, which included leading fundraising efforts. At 4:30pm on July 12, 2019 John and several team members met at the football field at Lincoln-Way West High School to set-up for the event. Our team set-up two tents, a CERT informational table, a face painting table and a "Bozo" buckets game.



By 6:00pm, there were approximately 20 CERT members that had arrived. Our team took a lap around the track and headed over to the west (home) bleachers for the opening ceremony. At approximately 6:30pm the ceremony had ended, which prompted the "survivor's" lap around the track. Following the "survivor's" lap New Lenox CERT joined the other teams and began walking the track to support the Relay for Life event. When not walking the track, team members stopped by other booths to support activities put on by other teams. Many of our team members also participated in the raffles and purchased items from the concession stand. Proceeds from all of these activities went to directly to the event.

Our team members enjoyed the evening and at dusk the Luminaria Ceremony began. Names of survivors and those that have been lost to cancer were read. Following the reading of the names, our team participated in the "silent" lap around the track, in darkness. Following the lap, the lights at the field went back on and the activities resumed. At approximately 11:00pm team members broke down our two tents and started to pack up our area.

Special thanks to John Opoka for his leadership, which led to approximately \$3000.00 being raised for New Lenox Relay for Life. Also, thanks to everyone who donated money, came out to the event or otherwise supported our efforts. Lastly, special thanks to "Cotton Candy" the clown who played an integral role in the event. "Cotton Candy" may or may not have been one of our CERT members, but whoever that clown was, she was awesome!



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ASSIST RESIDENTS OF STEGER, IL / DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS – JULY 8, 2019

At 7:15am on Monday, July 8, 2019, New Lenox CERT members Jenn Huizenga, Phillia Mitchell, Eleni Bosch and Patty Edgett met at the New Lenox Village Hall to carpool to the Park Forest Fire Department, 156 Indianwood Blvd., Park Forest, IL. There, our CERT volunteers were met by fellow New Lenox CERT member Carrie Williams. They joined Cook County and Will County Emergency Management Agency personnel for an 8:00am briefing by officials from both County EMA's. At approximately 9:00am the entire group departed in separate vehicles and proceeded to the staging area, which was the parking lot of the Steger Funeral Home, 123 E. 34th St. Steger, IL.

The day's mission was to perform follow-up visits to Crete and Steger homes and collect more detailed information from those who had submitted requests for assistance after the major flooding event of June 27th. The affected areas straddled both Cook and Will Counties. Because residential damage was due to flooding and this is not in a proscribed flood zone, homeowner's insurance is not covering the losses in most cases. The purpose of collecting damage and loss data was for County officials to submit reports to State and Federal agencies requesting assistance for those residents who were impacted.

New Lenox CERT members were assigned to two different teams with EMA personnel. They then departed in vehicles to their assigned neighborhood areas and proceeded to visit the addresses on their lists. Each team knocked on doors, interviewed the property owners or renters, and completed forms detailing residential damage and property loss. At 12:30pm the group returned to the staging area for a lunch (burgers, snacks, water, and Gatorade).

At approximately 1:15pm teams departed once again to complete their assigned residential visits. Lists of addresses were kept, noting where residents were not home for the interview.

New Lenox CERT members were grateful to have been invited to assist in such a worthwhile mission.

Valuable experience was gained in working in a joint exercise with EMA's from Cook and Will Counties. It also afforded CERT members the opportunity to interact directly with residents of neighboring communities whose lives had been impacted by a major flooding event. These residents sustained considerable financial property loss, not to mention psychological effects as a result of the event. Some of the impact details that were shared with the interview teams included:

As much as \$20,000.00 in individual property damage, not covered by homeowner's insurance.

Flood water that had completely filled a 12-foot high basement.

A young family with small children whose rented home received over 2-feet of flood water, destroying all appliances, furniture, and personal items, whose landlord had informed them within the past few days that they must vacate the property as he does not intend to repair it.

These are just a sampling of the stories we heard but they highlight the purpose and importance of this mission; to assist County EMA's in gathering data for submission to State and Federal agencies requesting disaster assistance for families impacted by a costly and devastating localized flooding event.

All teams completed their assignments and returned to the staging area at approximately 3:15pm. Address lists and interview forms were turned over to the EMA personnel and CERT members were dismissed. Following dismissal, New Lenox volunteers arrived back at the Village Hall at approximately 4:00pm. Special thanks to our wonderful group of ladies that gave their time to assist residents from another community. We could not have sent a more compassionate and caring group of individuals to assist with this extremely important assignment.



LOST PERSON BEHAVIOR CLASS IN TAZWELL COUNTY – JULY 6, 2019

At 6:00am on Saturday, July 6, 2019, two members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team drove to Trenton, IL to attend a Lost Person Behavior Class that was hosted by the Tazewell County Emergency Management Agency. Jenn Huizenga and Christine Dzik arrived at 8:20am and at 8:30am Kim Gotte from the Illinois Search and Rescue Council began the class by introducing herself. Kim noted that in a few days, it would be 44 years that she's been involved with Search and Rescue. She also introduced Brian Collett of Tazewell County EMA, who would assist her with the class.

There were approximately 25 attendees from near and far, including 6 members of the Quad Cities Missing Persons Network, who had driven over two hours to get to Trenton, IL. Some of the others in attendance were agency members from Macomb, McLean, Peoria, Bloomington, and Champaign Counties, as well as local Tazewell and Woodford Counties.

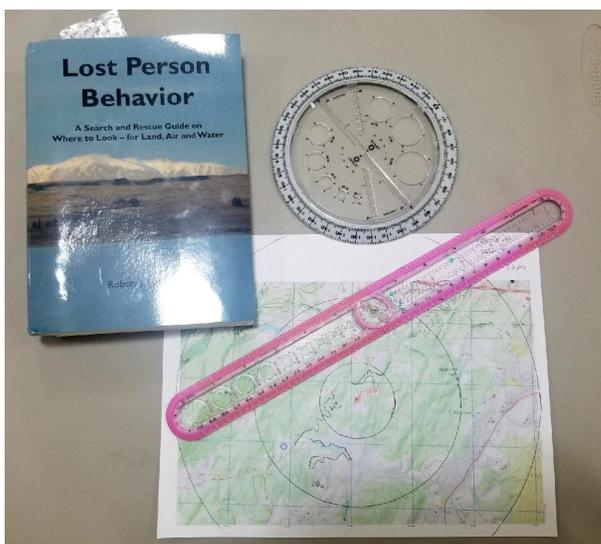
The class began with an overview of objectives and an itinerary based on the book by Robert J. Koester, "Lost Person Behavior." The statistics and information within the guide came from profiles of individuals, clues, theories, initial expeditious searches nationally and internationally, from agencies that sent information. This information became the basis for ISRID (International SAR Incident Database).

Kim discussed how the Probability of Area (POA) x Probability of Detection (POD) = Probability of Success. Searchers want to look in the right place, with the right resources, and with the right information. In Illinois, the specialty of searches is on Ground Search (as opposed to a desert or ice cave terrain). Surprising to us all, Illinois' dominant terrain is classified as 73% mountainous (especially towards Galena, Starved Rock, and the Shawnee National Forest) with 14% being rural, 8% hilly, and the rest as water or flat.

Following a short break, Kim discussed Missing Person search incidents and outcomes. It was noted that the greatest success was in adult/children combinations vs solo M or F, or even duo MM/FF combinations. The reason given was the adult/child duo combined common sense with energy, which resulted in an over 90% success rate, which was 10% higher than the other categories.

Attendees listened to explanations of subject categories and how their POA could be determined. One of the several considerations noted was terrain. In a rural area, children are allowed to go further for outdoor activities, and may have access to (or go with someone who has) a vehicle such as an ATV, motorbike, or golf cart. A despondent may go to a nice-looking area to spend their last moments. Some other considerations are whether the person is missing due to the environment (natural disaster), access to wheels (can get pretty far on bike, snowmobile, car), due to an altered mental state (anger, autism, alcoholism, drugs), and the subject's age. Within the ages, other factors come into play as well, such as physical abilities, mental status, personal hobbies and activities.

Kim discussed how people get lost, with the top two being getting distracted especially on scenic ventures, and then not being necessarily lost but overdue if the subject underestimated the terrain or time to get to a certain point. We looked at statistics showing Survivability by Mobility, and by Time.



Following another short break, the class focused on the phases and decisions that lead persons to become lost. This included general methods people use to try to get un-lost, such as landmarks, or estimating distances, and some sense of direction. Over a dozen myths and legends were discussed in depth as to being true or false. Examples included:

- Subjects turning in direction of their dominant hand
- Does moss only grow on the north sides of trees?
- Does following a stream always lead to other people?

Search outcome statistics showed 56% are rescued by SAR, 17% self-rescue, 11% public help, 5% suspended, 4% closed, 2% investigative, 2% canceled, 1.5% found by family or friend, less than 1% false alarm.

The next topic was an overview of the charts, contents, and meanings within Chapter 8 of the book. This chapter focuses on Subject Categories, including profiles, statistics such as distance from IPP, elevation considerations, mobility, and tools helpful in establishing a POA. Although there was MUCH detail, Kim did an impressive job of condensing the material and making it understandable.

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

CERT Class #15 started on September 11, 2019 and is scheduled to graduate on Saturday October 26, 2019. There are 28 citizens in this class and we look forward to them being part of the TEAM. 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:

- Class 1 Graduation 10/17/2009
- Class 2 Graduation 12/05/2009
- Class 3 Graduation 02/27/2010
- Class 4 Graduation 10/30/2010
- Class 5 Graduation 04/09/2011
- Class 6 Graduation 11/12/2011
- Class 7 Graduation 10/20/2012
- Class 8 Graduation 10/19/2013
- Class 9 Graduation 10/25/2014
- Class 10 Graduation 10/31/2015
- Class 11 Graduation 03/12/2016
- Class 12 Graduation 10/29/2016
- Class 13 Graduation 10/28/2017
- Class 14 Graduation 10/27/2018

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After a lunch break, the class learned how to use a Helix circle ruler to do several tabletop exercises within small groups. This is called Reflex Tasking, aka the Bike Wheel Method. It is needed to help provide segments to search, aids in a rapid planning process, and a rapid deployment of search. Using plotting information from the book, which included terrain such as temperate, dry, and urban, the class mapped distances from the IPP for each search task provided. The class used various available resources provided for each task, such as searching for a missing autistic child drawn to blinking lights. Another scenario included an older couple who had gotten lost at the end of a logging road in a dry expansive region with elevations. Yet another scenario included a despondent who parked her car near a pond in a wooded region. It was very interesting how an area of search was determined based on distance, resources, information, and

listening to team members' experiences from similar searches as input.

Following the tabletop exercises and a short break, Kim went over nearly every subject category in Chapter 8 of the book that would pertain to Illinois GSAR. This segment highlighted the most common traits, scenarios, and statistics for each group. There were many fascinating facts about each subject discussed. Following this portion, the class concluded at 5:30pm with a presentation of certificates. After exiting the facility, Jenn and Christine arrived back home at 7:55pm.

Our SAR members noted: "After attending this class, it made the two of us understand why there is often a hurry-up and wait situation that occurs at call-outs. We can see that search segments may be determined not only by the POA but by the number of agency resources who arrive, terrain, and available information. This was an excellent workshop!"

Special thanks to Jenn and Christine, for putting in a very long day to attend this valuable training. In addition, special thanks to Christine for providing the content for this summary – well done!

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