

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM and SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

2016 PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARDS – DECEMBER 14, 2016

At 6:00pm on Wednesday December 14, 2016 approximately 125 CERT / SAR members, family and friends assembled in the Community Room at the Village Hall for the Inaugural 2016 Presidential Service Awards. "The President's Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and is administered by Points of Light. Through a shared mission of inspiring more to answer the call to service, the President's Volunteer Service Award celebrates the impact we can all make in bettering our communities and our world." A total of 63 New Lenox CERT / SAR members received awards as follows:

Bronze	100-249 volunteer hours	34 recipients
Silver	250-499 volunteer hours	21 recipients
Gold	500+ volunteer hours	8 recipients

Volunteers, family and friends enjoyed appetizers from Gatto's Italian Restaurant while listening to Christmas music compliments of Patrick Galligan who was kind enough to bring in his stereo system for everyone to enjoy. Everyone had a great time socializing and it was great to meet some family members of our CERT volunteers. At 7:00pm everyone headed up to the Council Chambers where the "official ceremony" was scheduled to take place.



Dan Martin, Public Safety Division Chief & CERT / SAR Program Coordinator, welcomed those in attendance. Dan's opening remarks included thanks and appreciation for our CERT members as well as for Mayor Tim Baldermann who continues to be a strong supporter of our respective programs. Dan then turned the floor over to Mayor Baldermann who praised our volunteers for all that they do for our community. The Mayor, who has attended all 12 of our CERT graduations, also thanked our CERT family members for allowing their loved ones time away from home to train and participate in community events. The Mayor spoke about how proud he is of our community and how the volunteer efforts of our CERT and SAR members are a contributing factor to making New Lenox a great place to raise a family.

Following the Mayor's remarks, the awards ceremony began with the "Bronze" category, followed by the "Silver" and "Gold" categories. The actual awards included an appropriate colored medal, affixed to a red, white and blue ribbon, similar to what athletes receive at the Olympics. In addition, recipients received an envelope, which contained a certificate and a letter from the President of the United States. Our volunteers came up one-by-one to receive the prestigious awards and were honored to have the medals placed around their necks by the Mayor. Our volunteers had friends and family take photos of the ceremony, which concluded at approximately 7:45pm. Following the ceremony, many of our honorees, friends, and family returned to the Community Room for karaoke, compliments of Patrick Galligan.

Karaoke was terrific and it was great to see so many of our team members give it a try. In fact, some of our folks are very good and we'll definitely have to do it again! Following a great evening, the festivities wrapped-up at approximately 10:00pm. Once again, congratulations to all our honorees who have given their time and talents to help keep our community safe. It will be great to see other volunteers receive awards next year while others move up to the next category.



Our Core Principles:

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

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SAR TRAINING / EQUIPMENT AND COLD WEATHER GEAR – DECEMBER 5, 2016



At 7:00pm on Monday December 5, 2016 thirteen members of New Lenox SAR met in the Training Room at the New Lenox Police Department for monthly training. The topics for December included an overview on equipment to ensure that everyone was carrying the required items as well as recommendations for cold weather gear. The training was led by Linda Tomnitz, Angela Burdelik, Joe Frigo and Gary Cook.



Angela provided everyone with a printed checklist of equipment items that corresponded to Linda’s presentation. During the presentation team members asked questions and some good discussion was had regarding the various items, which ranged from compasses to first aid kits. As requested prior to the training, team members brought their equipment along for display on the tables, which allowed for a bit of show-and-tell time.

Joe Frigo and Gary Cook discussed cold weather gear, which ranged from footwear recommendations to various types of layers that should be worn during cold weather. Much like with the equipment presentation, some good discussion was had regarding cold weather clothing, including examples of what team members have found to work best.



Following the presentations, team members were reminded about the January 12th Annual Meeting. Team members were asked to provide suggestions for the team’s 2017 training to assist in the development of the training calendar. Training ended at approximately 8:30pm with several team members staying for further discussion. Special thanks to our presenters as well as those who attended the training.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMONS – DECEMBER 4, 2016



At 12:15pm on Sunday December 4, 2016 twenty-seven members of New Lenox CERT met at the New Lenox Police Department for a briefing regarding CERT responsibilities during “Christmas in the Commons.” In short, our team was asked to:

- Greet guests and provide information at the upper and lower level entrances to the Village Hall.
- Provide safety and security in the line to see “Santa and Mrs. Claus.”
- Provide safety and security for the horse-drawn wagon rides (unfortunately cancelled).
- Provide safety and security for the ice skating rink.



During the briefing volunteers were asked to remind guests to use caution in the Village Hall as floors may be slippery. In addition, volunteers were reminded that guests may become warm while standing in the line to see Santa and Mrs. Claus and to watch for signs for overheating. Additional safety information was discussed and volunteers were issued radios to facilitate communication during the event. Following the briefing everyone walked over to the Village Hall and were in place by 12:45pm, fifteen minutes ahead of the 1:00pm start time.

Heavy snowflakes fell throughout the event, which made a spectacular outdoor scene. As a result of the snowfall (approximately 5-6 inches), CERT members also assisted with shoveling the walkways leading up to the Village Hall. In the interest of safety, CERT members also mopped floors and stairways inside the Village Hall to keep guests from slipping. A number of miscellaneous assignments were also handled by our volunteers who were polite, professional and informative throughout the event. The event concluded with a lighting ceremony at the top of the hill in the Commons at 5:00pm.



Shortly after guests left the Village Hall a short de-briefing was held in the Community Room followed by pizza and refreshments compliments of Mayor Baldermann who thanked our volunteers for their efforts. Special thanks to ALL that assisted with this wonderful event – great job!

MISSING 15-YEAR OLD IN HOMER GLEN – NOVEMBER 30, 2016

At 8:46am on Wednesday November 30, 2016 the Will County Emergency Management Agency (WCEMA) requested assistance for a missing 15-year old in Homer Glen. The text message from WCEMA directed searchers to a staging area at 159th St. & South Bell Road (the Big R parking lot).

Searchers learned that the missing youth had attended a church event with family the previous evening and without permission he took the family vehicle and left. Police were later called to investigate and after arriving at the youth's home he fled the scene in the family's SUV. The youth crashed the vehicle approximately two blocks from his home and fled the area on foot.* Searchers were provided with a clothing description and were told that a nearby water treatment plant had already been searched. Searchers also learned that a K-9 team has also searched the area the previous evening.



At approximately 11:30am search teams Alpha and Bravo were designated and sent to search the area along South Bell Road, south of 159th and then the grasslands/marsh west of South Bell Road from Oak Valley Trail to 167th. The two teams searched down opposite sides of South Bell Road until reaching the grassland area, at which point they separated and entered from different points. Eventually the two teams met at Spring Creek. The teams then worked their way back to South Bell Road, where they were picked-up and brought back to staging at 1:45pm.

After a brief break and the addition of more volunteers, Alpha and Bravo were redeployed for an additional search. Additional teams (Charlie, Delta and Echo) were developed and assigned separate search areas. Another K-9 team, a drone, and the Illinois Civil Air Patrol also aided in the search.

A total of five New Lenox SAR members participated in this activation, three signing out at 3:45pm and two signing out at 4:05pm respectively. Special thanks to our volunteers for their assistance! *Additional information available via the Homer Glen Patch

SHELTER FUNDAMENTALS – NOVEMBER 15, 2016

At 6:00pm on Tuesday November 15, 2016 approximately 50 members of New Lenox CERT arrived in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall for monthly training. The topic for the November training was Shelter Fundamentals, which was instructed by Warren Mueller from the American Red Cross. Mr. Mueller taught the class with the aid of handouts and a PowerPoint presentation. The training agenda consisted of the following:



- Introductions & experience sharing (including a group discussion).
- Red Cross structural setup in Chicago Mass Care Division, including examples of when a shelter would open.
- Overview of sheltering.
- Typical job duties.
- Opening a shelter/setup (including a group discussion).
- Operating a shelter (including a group discussion).
- Principles of successful sheltering.
- Closing a shelter.
- Forms overview (forms provided).



Mr. Mueller also had visual examples of signage, a cot, blankets, and comfort kits on hand.

The evening flew by and everyone in attendance had an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation. Special thanks to John Schuld who worked tirelessly with the American Red Cross to plan for this training event. Thanks also to those who attended and will participate in a shelter exercise tentatively planned for February 2017.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Thursday January 12, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox SAR Annual Meeting at the New Lenox Police Department
- Wednesday January 18, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox CERT Semi Annual Meeting at the New Lenox Village Hall
- Saturday January 21, 2017 / 8:00am – New Lenox SAR Training with WCEMA at Location TBD
- Wednesday February 8, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox SAR Monthly Training at Location TBD
- Saturday February 18, 2017 / 8:00am – New Lenox SAR Training with WCEMA at Location TBD
- Thursday February 23, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox CERT Monthly Training at Location TBD
- Tuesday March 7, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox SAR Monthly Training at Location TBD
- Wednesday March 15, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox CERT Monthly Training at Location TBD
- Saturday March 18, 2017 / 8:00am – New Lenox SAR Training with WCEMA at Location TBD
- Wednesday April 5, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox SAR Monthly Training at Location TBD
- Saturday April 15, 2017 / 8:00am – New Lenox SAR Training with WCEMA at Location TBD
- Tuesday April 18, 2017 / 7:00pm – New Lenox CERT Monthly Training at Location TBD



NLSAR COMPASS AND GPS TRAINING – NOVEMBER 10, 2016

At 7:00pm on Thursday November 10, 2016 eleven members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the New Lenox Community Park District Pavilion adjacent to Firemen's Park and across the street from the New Lenox Police Department. The training topic for this month's training was navigation – compass and GPS.



The training started with team members walking 100 yards (pre-measured) to obtain their pace count. To double check, team members walked 100 yards back to the start line to ensure the numbers were the same or very similar. Team members then did some mathematical calculations to understand how many feet they can cover in one pace count. This number would be needed for the next exercise.

Team members were then given the distances and compass bearings for 5 objects that were placed in the field prior to the start of training. The distances ranged from 173 feet to 438 feet so team members needed to figure out the correct pace count out to the objects, after shooting an azimuth with the compass bearings. Team members then located the five objects which were a shoe, glove, book, helmet, and a ball cap.

For the next exercise, team members were directed to stand at a pre-determined point in the middle of the field. Compass readings were then taken for the eagle on top of Harris Bank, the American Flag (pole) near the pavilion and the point on top of Old Plank Trail Bank.

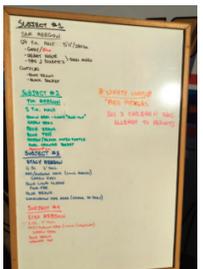
Mike English then provided team members with a GPS overview, walking them through the features on a typical GPS unit. Team members were then given pre-determined coordinates and were asked to find the items. Team members did a great job finding an electrical box, a tree, and a wooden fence enclosure by entering the coordinates in the "Find" feature.

Team members were then given a missing person scenario and were instructed to conduct a search for the subject. Team members were instructed to utilize their radios to communicate their findings, including the GPS coordinates where the subject was located. Once located, the team needed to triage, treat and transport the subject back to the pavilion. Two teams were formed and the "victim" was located behind an electrical box near the Taco Bell Restaurant. The correct GPS coordinates were given and team members did a nice job with triage, their head-to-toe assessment and splinting of a broken leg. The "victim" was then transported back to the pavilion with a heavy plastic transport device where a de-briefing was held. Overall it was an excellent exercise that tested a number of skills.

Special thanks to Mike English for putting together this particular training event and to those who were able to attend!

FULL SCALE SAR EXERCISE IN KANE COUNTY – NOVEMBER 5, 2016

At 1:00pm on Saturday November 5, 2016 eleven members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team met at the New Lenox Police Department to prepare for a pre-planned full scale SAR Exercise in Kane County. After ensuring that team members had everything that was needed, the team left for the Burnidge Forest Preserve & Paul Wolff Campground located at 38W235 Big Timber Road in Elgin, IL at 1:15pm. Despite some construction and traffic, the team made the 60-mile trip in relatively good time, arriving at the forest preserve at approximately 2:30pm.



After check-in and dressing for the exercise, New Lenox SAR members reported to staging and waited for an assignment, which was given at approximately 4:00pm. New Lenox SAR members were divided into two teams, one with six team members and the other with five. The scenario included a missing 69-year old male and his three grandchildren (5-yr. old male, and two 6-yr. old females) who left a note that they were going fishing. The grandfather was reported to have a heart condition as well as Type II Diabetes and takes medication for both ailments. All three grandchildren were reported to have an allergy to peanuts. Clothing descriptions were provided as well as a "safe word" that the children had been taught ("red pickles"). Both New Lenox teams, as well as other SAR teams from throughout the region, were assigned relatively large search areas.

Teams left the staging area and headed out to their respective search areas, which included open grasslands and wooded areas. Teams had an opportunity to search in the daylight for a couple hours, but darkness quickly fell causing team members to activate their headlamps and flashlights. Throughout the exercise teams reported the percentage of their search areas completed via their radios, but most percentages were much less than 100. At approximately 8:15pm all teams were advised by the Incident Commander that the exercise had ended and were directed to report back to Incident Command.



Upon returning to Incident Command and during a de-briefing with each of the returning teams, it was learned that a den of wild coyotes posed a threat to searchers and therefore the exercise was terminated. Following the de-briefing, a "hot wash" was held at approximately 9:00pm by personnel from the Kane County Office of Emergency Management. Teams then signed out at 9:30pm, including our team members who arrived back in New Lenox at approximately 10:30pm. Special thanks to our team members who participated in this exercise – well done!

CERT CLASS #12 FINAL EXERCISE AND GRADUATION – OCTOBER 29, 2016

On Thursday September 15th CERT Class #12 met for the first time from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Training Room at the New Lenox Police Department. The first class (Unit 1 – Disaster Preparedness) provided a great opportunity for 23 citizens to get to know each other and complete the first team building exercise – “The Tower.” The next 7 weeks flew by and we were fortunate to have some excellent instructors and CERT volunteers assist with the various units of instruction.



In what seemed like the blink of an eye, Saturday October 29th was here and at 7:00am volunteers started arriving at the New Lenox Police Department to assist with the final exercise. Thanks to Don Malec, approximately 12 of his criminal justice students from the Wilco Area Center in Romeoville, IL arrived to play “victims” in the disaster simulation. In addition to Don’s students, another 13 “victims” (CERT members, friends, family) were moulaged in the police department’s garage. Patty Edgett led the team of CERT volunteers that applied the moulage and they did an outstanding job. While moulage was taking place, an additional 10 veteran CERT volunteers helped to set-up the exercise in the field just north and west of the police department.

At 8:00am CERT Class #12 began to arrive and were provided access to the Training Room to prepare for the exercise, although at this point they had no knowledge of the scenario. As CERT Class #12 was making final preparations our role players were wrapping up with moulage and were provided a quick tour of the New Lenox Police Department. At 8:30am our “victims” and evaluators were provided with a briefing, which was followed by another briefing at 8:45am for CERT Class #12 students. The exercise kicked off at 9:00am sharp as the class made its way out of the station and into the field where the exercise was being held.



CERT Class #12 was met with 25 victims of a tornado that were strewn about the field. The scenario had the victims participating in a park clean-up day when they were swept by the high winds, which caused injuries from flying debris. CERT Class #12 established Incident Command, Search and Rescue Teams, a Transport Team, as well as a Medical Treatment Area. As the victims were located they were triaged (and treated if an “Immediate” injury) and transported to the Medical Treatment Area. The class did an excellent job in all the disciplines as well as a cribbing exercise that had “Rescue Randy” trapped under heavy debris. The exercise concluded at approximately 10:15am, leaving time to clean-up and return items to the CERT trailer. All participants returned to the Training Room at 10:40am for a de-briefing.

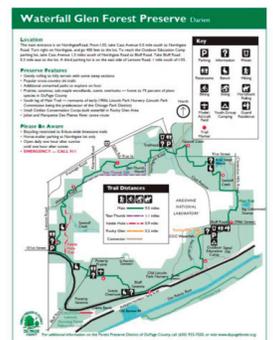


The de-briefing provided an opportunity for the Incident Commander, Team Leaders, Evaluators and Victims to provide comments. Much was learned from the exercise and CERT Class #12 seemed eager to participate in similar exercise in the future. Following the de-briefing, everyone enjoyed some pizza, mostaccioli, salad and cookies for dessert. Mayor Tim Baldermann arrived to congratulate and thank our newest class. The Mayor, along with Bill Potocki, Deputy Director of New Lenox ESDA, also assisted with the graduation ceremony. Great job CERT Class #12 – we are happy to have you on board!

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON IN LEMONT, IL– OCTOBER 27, 2016

At 7:01pm on Thursday October 27, 2016 New Lenox Search and Rescue team members received a mutual aid request from the Will County Emergency Management Agency (SAR Division) to assist with the search for a missing person in Lemont, IL. More specifically, the search was for a 54-year old Aurora, IL man who was last seen in the area of Argonne National Laboratory and Water Fall Glen (Forest Preserve District of DuPage County). Searchers were requested to stage at Cass & Bluff Road.

Seven members of NLSAR responded to the request for assistance and were integrated into search teams following their arrival to the staging area. One team was comprised of five NLSAR members while another team was comprised of two NLSAR members along with searchers from other jurisdictions. In short, the areas searched were in and around the Waterfall Parking Lot and its Outdoor Education Camp. The terrain was thick with vegetation and wooded areas. In addition, the terrain included steep inclines to the tops of hills as well as steep declines into valley areas. Search areas included areas along designated trails, roads and in structures such as outhouses and pavilions.



NLSAR team members wrapped-up at approximately 12:40am and after signing out, headed back to New Lenox. Most team members arrived back in New Lenox at approximately 1:15am.

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PASSENGER TRAIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE – OCTOBER 19, 2016

On Wednesday October 19, 2016 at 6:30pm approximately 60 members of the New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team met at the Lincoln-Way School District #210 Transportation Facility, located at 1343 S. Schoolhouse Road in New Lenox. Team members were in attendance for the much anticipated Passenger Train Emergency Response Training, taught by Lieutenant Tom Donegan from Metra Police.



Never one to disappoint, Tom's presentation combined some amazing stories sprinkled with his own unique sense of humor. Tom's wealth of information about passenger trains and safety was impressive, which led to some great discussions. Had time permitted, the presentation could have extended far into the evening, but we had a bus to catch!



As a result of our great relationship with Lincoln-Way School District #210 and their Transportation Facility, we were able to board a bus staffed by a fantastic driver named "Michael." Michael drove the bus filled with our enthusiastic CERT members to Metra's train yard in Manhattan, IL. After exiting the bus, Tom led our group over to where the trains were parked for the evening. Tom then provided an overview of the locomotive and its safety features. Tom showed our volunteers how to shut the train down during an emergency such as a fuel spill. After covering various aspects of the locomotive, Tom then moved the group to the carriage cars where additional safety features were discussed. This included, but was not limited to, opening the air pressurized doors and removing windows during emergencies.

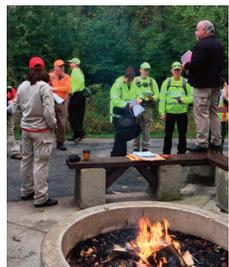
Tom then directed everyone to board the carriage car where he spent an additional 30 minutes or so going over the safety features of the carriage cars and the overall operation of Metra passenger trains. Tom wrapped-up his presentation just short of 9:00pm, at which time everyone boarded the Lincoln-Way School Bus where Michael drove everyone safely back to the transportation facility. This was another excellent training thanks to Tom Donegan and Metra. In addition, special thanks to Lincoln-Way School District #210 Transportation for the use of their facility and the bus ride to and from the Manhattan train yard. Lastly, we had excellent attendance. Thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy lives to attend.

SAR TRAINING WITH WILL COUNTY EMA AND AFFILIATES AT WATERFALL GLEN – OCTOBER 15, 2016

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 four members of NLSAR left the New Lenox area at 7:15 am to participate in the WCEMA joint SAR/NAV training at Waterfall Glen, DuPage County Forest Preserve, which is located off of Northgate Road in Lemont, IL. There were approximately 20 total participants from several SAR groups, including Will County, Plainfield and Naperville.



At 8:00am the lead instructors from WCEMA reviewed basic navigation (NAV) and GPS skills. They also reviewed land maps of the Waterfall Glen site. Participants were then asked to pair up in two-man teams, each team having one experienced NAV/GPS person, and one newbie (or lesser experienced person). After forming into our two man groups, each group was given a radio and a NAV course exercise sheet (each NAV course was unique to each group). After receiving radios and exercise sheets, each team then proceeded to a pre-staged area where participants walked off their steps and/or paces for 100-feet, 100-yards and 100-meters. Each group was then asked to shoot two azimuths to ensure they had command over minimal basic compass skills before entering the NAV course. Each team's course had six total targets to find. While the maps showed the general locations of the targets, the maps did not always have enough detail how to reach the targets. The exercise forced each group to use GPS, compass and land NAV skills. Upon finding each target, the teams were required to call-in the requested information documented on each team's exercise sheet, which were all unique. The final target on each team's sheet was incident command, where everyone assembled to complete the course.



Once all the teams returned to incident command, the leaders asked for all the newbies to form into one group (with one experienced leader). This group was then asked to find a missing person who was lost, but had called law enforcement with their GPS coordinates. This group, using several GPS units, was able to locate the missing person in some dense woods, relatively quickly. Once this newbie group notified command that they had found the victim, the remaining searchers were sent out for extraction. The extraction group also used the same GPS coordinates to find the victim and prepped him for extraction. At this point the exercise ended and all participants headed back to command for a final debrief and return of all borrowed equipment. At noon the training ended and the participants signed out and were released. Our team members returned to New Lenox at approximately 12:30pm.

PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION FOR LINCOLNWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH SENIORS – OCTOBER 12, 2016



At 11:30am on Wednesday October 12, 2016 Patricia (“Patty”) Edgett did a presentation for 20 Lincolnway Christian Church seniors at their monthly luncheon meeting. Patty gave the presentation via PowerPoint and explained the importance of preparing for emergencies and disasters. Patty recommended using a three-step process from Ready.gov and Ready.illinois.gov:

1. Every household needs to have a shared family emergency plan that includes phone numbers for communications in an emergency, designated meeting spots, and copies of important documents.
2. Everyone should have an emergency kit for home, vehicle, and workplace.
3. Every citizen needs to stay informed before, during, and after an emergency or disaster.

Sherri Gramse assisted with the presentation and brought her emergency kit from home. Sherri showed what types of things should be included, such as water, non-perishable food for family members and pets, first aid supplies, flashlight, copies of important papers, prescriptions, and pictures of all family members. She also brought her CERT backpack and explained what CERT is and does.

Patty also talked about hand crank radios and conducted a brief demonstration on how a NOAA weather radio works. Emphasis was added on the importance of every household having a NOAA weather radio. A short question and answer session concluded the program.

Special thanks to Patty Edgett and Sherri Gramse for providing some excellent information. Harry Gramse also was in attendance and took some great photos!

NLSAR SEARCH EXERCISE @ MIDEWIN NATURAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE – OCTOBER 8, 2016



At 6:30am on Saturday October 8, 2016 five members of the New Lenox Search and Rescue Team (NLSAR) met in the parking lot (Chicago Rd. & Hoff Rd.) at the Midewin Natural Tallgrass Prairie to prepare for a search exercise involving the entire NLSAR Team. Access to the gated area was provided by a U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer, allowing team members entry to set-up the exercise. Ten additional team members arrived shortly before 8:00am and following a very short briefing, everyone drove approximately two miles to the area where the exercise was to be held (“Lap 2”).

At this location team members completed dressing for the exercise and gathered the necessary equipment. Team members were then provided with the following scenario: “We were advised by a U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officer that a hunter James (Jim) Smith and his son James, Jr. (Jimmy) were hunting in restricted Midewin territory when they got disorientated and lost. Apparently the father fell down and hit his head, and has been in and out of consciousness. The father is 5’ 10” tall, brown hair, approximately 160-lbs. and was last seen wearing orange hunting gear, including a vest and hat. The son, 7-years old, called 9-1-1 before the phone died. We are not sure what the son was wearing, but he is appropriately 42” tall and weighs 60-lbs. The father’s wife, and boy’s mother (Cindy) noted that their son has critical medicine that he needs to take regularly to prevent seizures. He normally takes his medicine twice daily, once at 9pm and once at 9am. The boy’s medicine was in the father’s backpack. From the description of landmarks that the boy gave the 9-1-1 operator, U.S. Forest Service law enforcement has determined their location to be around the Lap-2 segment. A hasty search has already been performed of all hardball roads, buildings and elevated munition shafts. This investigation has now shifted to a detailed ground search looking for evidence and location of victims. This is NOT a recovery search at this time, as both subjects are presumed to be alive, although time is of the essence due to known medical conditions. Should either or both of the subjects be found, we are to triage, treat and transport to the extraction area.”

Two teams of five NLSAR members were then assembled, at which time they made their way to an area that had been established as Incident Command. The teams then conducted searches of two pre-determined areas and in one of the areas the father’s backpack was found with his son’s medicine. The teams then conducted searches of two additional pre-determined areas, at which time the father and son were located (separately). The victims were triaged and their injuries were treated prior to transport. The father was transported via a stretcher on a 2-wheel cart, while the son was transported with a tarp carry. Following proper transport to the extraction area the exercise was completed at approximately 12:15pm.

At this time a combined lunch and de-briefing was held. Exercise planners/evaluators discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the exercise as well as areas for improvement. All participants were provided an opportunity to provide feedback during the discussion. After wrapping-up, everyone drove in caravan style back to the main gate, which was cleared at approximately 1:15pm. Special thanks to the exercise planners who did a great job as well as our team members that participated in the exercise.

Keeping our community safe, healthy and prepared . . .

Additional Information

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

We are now accepting applications for our (FREE) 20-Hour Basic CERT Class – dates and times TBD. Classes are typically held on weeknights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Training Room at the New Lenox Police Department. Contact Daniel Martin, Public Safety Division Chief, at the New Lenox Police Department (815) 462-6100 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net, to register for a class.

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

To learn more about the CERT program and the 20-Hour Basic Class, visit <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

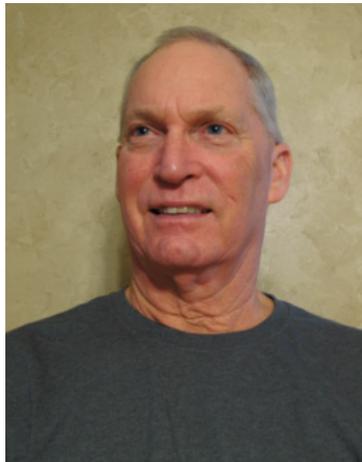


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**SPOTLIGHT MEMBER –
PATRICK GALLIGAN**

I was born and raised in Matteson, IL. The town was a fantastic place to grow up in with a park close by and always a baseball game to get into. Grade Schools were only a couple of blocks away and at that time you pretty much knew everyone that went there. The High School that I graduated from is Rich Central in Olympia Fields. Just out of High School in 1973, I started working for a company called Andrew Corporation in Orland Park, IL. I worked in Manufacturing and Supervisory roles for manufacturing and also Planning and Scheduling. The last position I held, before retiring, was Global Technical Trainer where I was able to experience many cultures outside of the United States. I also met my Wife Jacki while working there. We married in 1977, raised two great kids in Matteson, and then we moved to New Lenox in 1994 where they were able to attend the Lincolnway Schools. Both of our kids are now grown and are Parents, blessing Jacki and I with 5 terrific Grandkids who all reside in New Lenox. The hobbies that I am still active in are fishing, hiking, riding motorcycles, karaoke, and trying to get back into golf. Jacki and I are avid Chicago Blackhawk fans and although we don't attend their games, we watch the games either at home or at a local establishment. After retiring, I wanted to accomplish certain things to give back to the community. I ran across information about free CERT training, read the description, and thought that was right in my price range and something cool to do. I found out quickly during the training how unprepared I was if there was ever a disaster in the area. We have since made some changes at home to prepare us better. While taking the classes, I also discovered that New Lenox had a Search and Rescue team. After completing the CERT training, I took First Aid, CPR, and a number of relevant online courses to supplement my knowledge base. I attended the 16 hour Search and Rescue class and was selected to join the New Lenox Team. Now being part of both teams, I quickly discovered the dedication, time and effort that these folks put forth every time there is a calling for either CERT or SAR volunteers to be somewhere. I am honored and humbled to be part of the New Lenox Teams.



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