



Village of New Lenox / New Lenox Police Department COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING APRIL 21, 2012

On Saturday April 21, 2012 the New Lenox CERT / MRC held training in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Team members arrived shortly before 9:00am for Basic Search and Rescue Training (SAR) which was taught by instructors from the Will County Emergency Management Agency's SAR Team.

Training included approximately 1 ½ hours of classroom instruction followed by approximately 2 ½ hours of practical exercises which were conducted at two locations in the Village Commons. At one location team members conducted an article search for clothing in an area with rough terrain which included high weeds, hills and ravines. At a second location team members conducted a search for small articles in an open grassy area. In both exercises team members were able to put their newly learned SAR skills to good use, finding most of the items that were hidden by their instructors.

Forty-five team members participated in this training event which concluded at 1:15pm. Many commented that they would register for the extended 16-hour SAR Course if offered locally. A number of team members also indicated that they would participate in a New Lenox CERT / MRC SAR Team if one were organized. Both options will be explored by our team's leadership.



LOYALTY DAY PARADE - MAY 6, 2012

On Sunday May 6, 2012 approximately 40 members of the New Lenox CERT / MRC participated in the Loyalty Day Parade. Just two hours before the start of the parade a line of severe weather passed through the area making the start of the parade questionable. Fortunately for New Lenox CERT / MRC as well as all the participating organizations, the weather cleared and the parade started on time at 2:00pm.

The parade started on Cedar Road at 4th Street. The route went north on Cedar Road to Haven Avenue and then west on Haven Avenue to Veteran's Parkway. The parade ended on the Veteran's Parkway circle drive near the New Lenox Public Library. New Lenox CERT / MRC members rode on a decorated green and yellow float while others walked the parade route handing out candy and preparedness literature from Ready.gov. Barb McGivney rode her horse "Charmed" in this year's parade while Randy Halach drove his custom Olds 442. The parade provided great exposure for the team as well as a great opportunity for team members to have some fun!



Barb McGivney and horse "Charmed"



Our Core Principles:

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

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P.E.T.S. (PET EMERGENCY TIPS & SURVIVAL) - MAY 12, 2012

On Saturday May 12, 2012 Shelley Halach represented the New Lenox CERT at Stone City Kennel Club's "P.E.T.S." event, designed to raise awareness about the need to include pets during preparedness activities. Shelley, assisted by her husband Randy Halach (also a New Lenox CERT member), set-up an informational table which was filled with preparedness and first aid items for pets. Shelley and Randy greeted visitors throughout the event which was held from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the Stone City Kennel Club, 13606 West Laraway Road New Lenox, IL. In addition to staffing the informational table, Shelley provided guests with a short presentation on pet preparedness at 2:00pm. Shelley's presentation was one of several that were provided to guests throughout the event.



Randy and Shelley Halach



Shelley has done a wonderful job in the area of pet preparedness and has brought a good deal of credit and recognition to our team. During this event Shelley was asked to attend a similar event in Kendall County, provide a pet preparedness presentation to a CERT in Crystal Lake, IL and attend an Open House at the Lincoln Way Animal Hospital.

Special thanks to Shelley for a wonderful job and to Randy for taking photographs and assisting with the event!



MONTHLY TRAINING - MAY 23, 2012

On Wednesday May 23, 2012 the New Lenox CERT / MRC held its monthly training event in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Training began at 7:00pm with Pete Simon providing an overview of 72-hour disaster supply kits. Team members were divided into five groups (approximately 6-8 per group) and were asked to identify items that would be appropriate for a 72-hour disaster supply kit. Each group wrote down their suggestions on note cards which helped them prepare for a discussion that was held at the end of the brainstorming session. Each of the groups did an excellent job and a comprehensive list was developed. The items were later added to a WORD document and sent via email to team members for reference. This training emphasized the need to be prepared for emergencies and disasters by assembling the appropriate items that can be acquired over time.



Pete Simon then led a discussion regarding the training levels / matrix that has been in developmental stages for over a year now. The system is being created to track progress, to encourage development and according to Pete, "to measure awesomeness." The levels will also measure a team member's proficiency and achievement in the areas of training, leadership and community service. The levels (green, yellow, red, brown and black) are similar to "belts" that a martial artist would achieve as he / she becomes more proficient.

Pete explained to those in attendance that the levels are designed to be flexible and fair. Team members will receive "credit" for training, skills and volunteer time that has been given up to this point. The levels also take into account all the different kinds of things that our team does. This includes, but is not limited to, classroom training, online training, participation in community events and real life experience (EMTs, paramedics, nurses, etc.). Dave Klingensmith also joined Pete in the discussion and explained that he has been working on a database that will track training and community service hours along with a multitude of other things. Dave told those in attendance that the database, which Catherine Johnston and Pete Simon have also assisted with, should be completed by sometime in July.

Training concluded at 9:00pm. Forty team members were in attendance for this training event.

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NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT #122 P.T.O. 5K RUN – MAY 19, 2012

On Saturday May 19, 2012 New Lenox CERT / MRC members assisted with the New Lenox School District #122 P.T.O. 5K Run which was held at the Nelson School Campus. Nineteen team members arrived at Nelson Prairie School at 7:00am for a briefing. Team members were given their assignments which included the staffing of two water / first aid stations as well as ten traffic (Race Marshall) positions at corners within the Palmer Ranch Subdivision.

Following the briefing, team members headed out to their assignments and were in place by 7:30am. The race kicked-off at 7:00am from the Nelson Campus with runners (and walkers) racing through the Palmer Ranch Subdivision. The first runner crossed the finish line in approximately 17 minutes while the last walkers crossed in just under an hour. While handling their respective assignments, New Lenox CERT / MRC members provided encouragement to the



Pictured left to right: Laura Johnston, Randy Halach, Dave Lotz and Patty Edgett



Pictured left to right: Gerri Gerlock, Tammy Orseno, Judy Rehm and Kathy Fandl

runners / walkers by cheering and clapping for them as they passed by. Volunteers returned to the finish line area for a short de-briefing and to cheer for the final walkers.

In addition to passing out water and assisting with traffic control, a male runner was treated for a bleeding wound (prior wound not related to the event). The man thanked team members for doing an excellent job cleaning and bandaging his wound. Team members were also thanked by numerous runners for their encouragement as well as by race organizers for their assistance with the event.

New Lenox CERT / MRC will be looking forward to assisting with next year's event as well as other NLSD #122 PTO events.





NIGHT RANGER CONCERT - JUNE 2, 2012

On Saturday June 2, 2012 at 4:30pm twenty-one members of the New Lenox CERT / MRC met at the New Lenox Police Department for a briefing related to the Night Ranger Concert in the Commons. During the briefing Public Safety Division Chief Daniel Martin discussed the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for the concert, provided team members with their assignments and issued radios for the event. Team members then walked over to the Village Commons and were in place at their assigned locations by 5:00pm. Assignments included perimeter "security" at four locations throughout the Commons. In addition, New Lenox CERT / MRC members were responsible for maintaining established aisles in the lawn, controlling access to the Village Hall, transporting those with special needs from the handicapped parking area to the main gate and assisting with merchandise sales.



The gates opened at 5:30pm and by 7:30pm approximately 5000 people were in attendance. Concert attendees were treated to two local bands followed by Night Ranger who took the stage at 9:00pm. New Lenox CERT / MRC members did an excellent job while handling their assignments in a courteous and professional manner. The concert ended at 10:30pm at which time team members assisted with egress at the three main gates. A short debriefing was held following the concert and team members were released at 11:00pm.



Special thanks to everyone that assisted with the Night Ranger Concert – great job!

Left to right: Dave Lauer, Shelley Halach and Randy Halach



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JUNE TRAINING - JUNE 21, 2012

On Thursday June 21, 2012 the New Lenox CERT / MRC held training in the Training Room at the New Lenox Police Department. Many team members arrived as early as 6:15pm to enjoy a dinner that was prepared by the New Lenox Relay for Life Team. Thanks to those that provided donations for the dinner, approximately \$300.00 was raised for the July 13th event.

Following the dinner, training began at 7:00pm with an introduction to the Functional Exercise provided by Pete Simon and Dan Martin. Following the introduction, those in attendance were divided into three "teams," with teams seated at three separate tables. The exercise included a severe weather event (thunderstorm with high winds) that caused moderate to severe damage throughout the community. Teams were provided with copies of the scenario as well as a map. Each team was asked to select an Incident Commander and staff additional Incident Command positions.

As the exercise moved forward, teams were provided with mock damage assessments, injects and victim / injuries. Based on the information provided, teams were asked to develop courses of action based on what information they were presented with. Team members did an excellent job of assuming the various Incident Command staff positions as well as coming up with safe and viable solutions to the problems that were presented. Following the exercise a "hot wash" was conducted and constructive feedback was provided, including comments from Patty Edgett who served as an Evaluator for the exercise. Team members also provided comments through evaluation forms with the intent of improving the next exercise.

SARA EVANS CONCERT - JUNE 22, 2012

On Friday June 22, 2012 Mayor Tim Baldermann and the Village of New Lenox sponsored an evening of music in the Commons with Sara Evans as the headliner. Twenty New Lenox CERT / MRC volunteers arrived at the New Lenox Police Department at 4:30pm for a briefing. During the briefing the Incident Action Plan (IAP) for the concert was discussed along with specific team member assignments. These assignments included assistance with a "V.I.P. Party" on the patio on the north side of the Village Hall as well as perimeter "security" throughout the Commons. Team members were also assigned to maintain aisles in the lawn that were established with spray paint. One team member was positioned at the north entrance of the Village Hall to control access to the building while another team member was assigned to a golf cart which was utilized to transport those with functional needs from the handicapped parking area to Gate #1.



Left to right: Adam Bulthuis and Sean Egan

The first band took the stage at approximately 5:45pm with the second starting around 7:00pm. Sara Evans took the stage at 9:00pm and ended at approximately 10:30pm. Team members handled their assignments in a professional manner and at the end of the concert a short de-briefing was held. No medical or other major issues were reported. Shortly before 11:00pm all team members were thanked for their assistance and were released.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- New Lenox Relay for Life - Friday July 13, 2012, 6:00pm at Lincoln Way West High School
- Heart Concert - Friday July 20, 2012, 4:00pm at the Performing Arts Pavilion
- Semi-Annual Meeting - Wednesday July 25, 2012, 7:00pm at the New Lenox Village Hall
- Special Needs Day - Friday July 27, 2012, 11:00am at Proud American Days
- French Market - Saturday July 28, 2012, 8:00am at the New Lenox Village Hall
- Community Blood Drive - Saturday July 28, 2012, 9:00am at the New Lenox Village Hall
- Monthly Training - Saturday August 11, 2012, 9:00am at location TBD
- St. Jude's Running for Faith 5K & 10K - Saturday August 25, 2012, 8:00am at St. Jude Church
- Styx Concert - Saturday September 1, 2012, 4:00pm at the Performing Arts Pavilion
- 20-Hour Basic CERT Class Begins - Wednesday September 5, 2012, 6:30pm
- Monthly Training - Tuesday September 18, 2012, 7:00pm at the New Lenox Village Hall
- French Market - Saturday September 22, 2012, 8:00am at the New Lenox Village Hall
- Prairie State CERT Challenge - Saturday September 29, 2012, 8:00am in Glenview, IL
- New Lenox Chamber of Commerce Mind Over Miles 8K Run - Sunday September 30, 2012, 8:00am



Additional Information

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM 20-HOUR BASIC CLASSES

The New Lenox Police Department will be hosting its 7th Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Wednesday September 5, 2012. The Course is FREE to New Lenox residents and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Police Department. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday October 20, 2012 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Contact Public Safety Division Chief Daniel Martin at the New Lenox Police Department to register.

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

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

FRENCH MARKET – JUNE 30, 2012

On Saturday June 30, 2012 from 8:00am to 1:00pm five members of the New Lenox CERT / MRC staffed an informational table at the Village of New Lenox French Market. The CERT / MRC table included preparedness literature from Ready.gov which included information about disaster supply kits, family emergency plans, pet preparedness and how to prepare for severe weather. A prize wheel was also utilized during the event and included a variety of disaster preparedness questions for kids. The kids did a great job with the questions and were rewarded with small prizes for their efforts. In addition, 28 blood pressure screenings were conducted throughout the event. Participating individuals were provided with their number(s) along with literature regarding safe blood pressure ranges.



Patty Edgett taking a visitor's blood pressure during the French Market

Now's the Time.

**Resolve
to be
Ready.**

in 2012

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ADAM BULTHUIS

I grew up in New Lenox and have spent almost my life here. I went through the school system from preschool all the way thru graduation from Lincoln-Way Central High School in 1997. I didn't go to college right after high school; I decided to wait a long time. I finally went back in 2005 and two years later I received an Associate's Degree in Computer Networking. I then decided that shortly after getting this degree I wanted to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice and this Fall I will complete my Bachelor's Degree. I joined New Lenox CERT when it was just formed because I thought it was something fun to do. At that point I had no idea that joining the team would change my career path. After just a few short months on the team, I decided to pursue a career path in Emergency Management. Helping with this career path I became an officer with New Lenox ESDA. I am also considering joining a police department to gain some experience and maybe one day to work with the New Lenox Police Department. I volunteer with New Lenox CERT and New Lenox ESDA because of the people of New Lenox and my family. It is very important to me that everyone be prepared and ready for whatever comes their way. My wife (Wendy) of 9 years and our two children (Parker 5 and Trinity 4) are my driving force. I spend a lot of time at school, at CERT and with ESDA to make a better life for them and to have my children grow up in a country they can enjoy.



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