



Milton Township CERT Newsletter

Member Profile—Ralph Hinkle

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Our Executive Director, Ralph Hinkle is always interested in what is "good for the team". Back in 2001 Ralph and his wife of 37 years, Gail got very involved in Milton Township. One of the first places that Ralph was involved in was the Youth Committee, helping less fortunate kids take part in the township/county programs. Then in 2003, after a directive from the President, Citizen Corp was formed. At this time the Township Supervisor Chris Heidorn and Ralph determined that the CERT portion of Citizen Corp would be a worthwhile venture for preparing residents of the township in the event of a natural or man made disaster. Thus, Ralph's untiring involvement with the Milton Township CERT team was born.

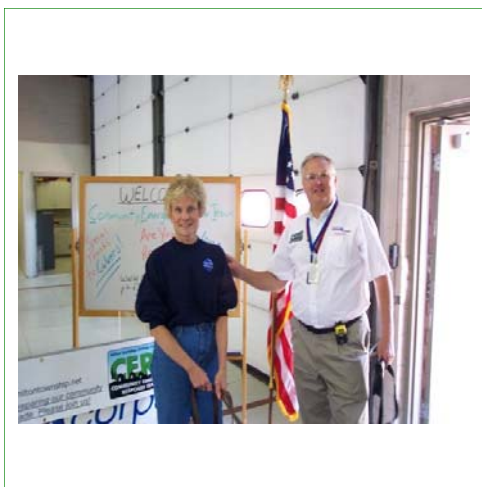
Ralph was born in Chicago. He later gained a degree in biology/zoology from Western Illinois University. Later he married his college sweetheart, Gail and they had two sons. Ralph is the proud Grandpa of three (3) grandkids with another on the way. Growing up Ralph worked with his father in the coin laundry business. Ralph later owned a wholesale appliance business with customers throughout the Chicago area. He retired from the business in 1997 but continued to consult until 2002.

Since his retirement most of Ralph's time is spent on one project or another for Milton Township. Ralph does more than oversee the CERT program. He works hard to see to it that the work of the Youth Committee continues, that residents and township residents concerns and needs are being met. Whether it's ordinance violations, building and grounds, or assisting the food pantry, cemetery committee, and senior committees Ralph wants to keep Milton township a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Ralph and Chris Heidorn were in the first class of CERT (Alpha) and subsequently were trained as Train-the-Trainer facilitators to pass on preparedness to others. In addition to actually training interested residents in family preparedness, Ralph is responsible for maintaining all grant/budgetary documentation for Milton Township Citizen Corp, Glen Ellyn Citizen Corp and Wheaton Citizen Corp. On behalf of Citizen Corp, Ralph goes to meetings of many civic and religious organizations and talks about how Citizen Corp can help residents of the community be better prepared for any disaster natural or man made.



Ralph and Dan Taylor—2005



Ralph and wife Gail—2008

Special points of interest:

- CPR/AED Training, February 14.
- Radio Training, March 7.
- Metra Rail Training, March 21.

St James Farm First Annual CERT Rodeo

Contributed by Sandee Schlickman

With anticipation of the St James Farms CERT event, the morning of October 18 came. The email of what to wear and what to bring was checked 3 times, everything had to be right and ready. Long pants check, vest check, ID check, fully loaded backpack check, sturdy boots check, I was ready. I arrived at the gate, one hurdle down. My name was on the "list". Next was check in. Was I properly attired and equipped? Another hurdle crossed. As we all waited for others to join us, there was a little tension in the air, excited yet, slightly anxious, reassuring each other that we were all prepared for the events ahead of us. We split into 2 groups for the rodeo where we visited 5 stations, gathering points along the way.

Station 1 Triage

We sorted 25 "victims" into 3 groups - Bypass, Red and Yellow. Remember the ABC's, Airway, Bleeding, and Control shock. Some of us got confused between capillary refill and breathing rates. Maybe we need to go back to class for a review!

Station 2 Medical Treatment

We did "head to toe" exams on 8 victims and treated their injuries. We had all sorts of injuries to work on- splinting broken arms and legs, controlling bleeding, treating for shock, cooling burns, amputations. Remember, if it's wet and it's not yours, don't touch it without gloves.

Station 3 Victim Transporting

Here we had 3 victims and we needed to transport them to a safer area. We could use our tarp, a stretcher and even our arms. Always think outside the box in disasters. Lift with your legs, not with your back and make sure you have enough helpers to safely move the victim.

Station 4 Cribbing

One poor "victim" had hundreds of pounds of debris on him. Do we have the right equipment to move all of this weight and do we have the knowledge to do this? Also, do we have a safety person to watch everything we are doing for safety violations?

Station 5 Teamwork (Plank Walk)

This looked like fun, but was harder than you think. Each team had to stand on two 2X6X8 boards and walk as a single unit. Right, lift, left, lift. We found that some people are just bossier than others.

Station 6 IC (Incident Commander) and Communication

No one wants this job. We practiced using our radios by being precise and clear in what we said to our IC so he/she would be able to know what we were doing at each station.

In the end, all of the points were added up and both teams did very well. The winning team members each took home a great prize of a comfort kit to be placed in their backpacks. We all agreed that we were able to practice our skills and see where we may need to review, and maybe even go back to specific classes for review. We are always welcome to come on Thursday nights to review any of the classes. It is always best to email Ralph Hinkle before class to let him know.



Medical Treatment Station at St. James Farm CERT Rodeo



Teamwork Station (Plank Walk) at St. James Farm CERT Rodeo



Victim Transport Station at St. James Farm CERT Rodeo

First Annual St. James CERT Rodeo/BBQ

Contributed by Sandee Schlickman

Once the Rodeo events were complete and points tallied up, we gathered together in the pavilion to enjoy all the food that the chef and his helpers spent the better part of the day cooking. Our chef's for the day were Ralph Hinkle, Nair Naresh, and Don Schmidt (retired Sheriff Deputy). We had 140 pounds of BBQ beef that cooked for hours. The wonderful beef was accompanied by baked beans, corn on the cob and pasta salad. What could be better than Culver's frozen custard for dessert with 8 toppings to finish off the meal! This time gave members a chance to socialize with other members and rest up for the upcoming Search and Rescue portion of the event.



CERT Teams Successfully Locate Missing Victims

Contributed by Phil Wojtczak, Incident Commander

Against a darkening backdrop of clear skies, wide open fields and tree lined allées, the skills of nearly 100 Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) members were tried, tested and proven during the 2008 Light Urban Search and Rescue Exercise held recently at the 650 acre St. James Farm, DuPage County Forest Preserve, Warrenville, IL

The annual multi-jurisdictional exercise, hosted and co-directed by the DuPage County Forest Preserve Police, provides an opportunity for the Milton Township CERT community, the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, and the Warrenville Fire Department, to exchange valuable information and experiences gained while identifying issues of importance. The exercise further serves as a venue for collecting Search and Rescue related data during a live-exercise scenario.

Five CERT teams, identified only by their designated color assignment, were fielded during this year's exercise. "The effectiveness of operating on multiple radio frequencies greatly improved our communications from the field to the Command Post," added Black Team Leader Tim Keen.

This year's SAR exercise proved to be extremely demanding for all participants. "We expanded the exercise by sending four dementia victims to separate locations specifically to test the skills and abilities of our personnel to operate in a large scale area at nighttime," said DuPage County Forest Preserve Police Coordinator Lieutenant Steve Laskowski. During the exercise, a family member to one of the victims wandered away from the Command Post becoming the fifth victim. "It added more relevance because it simulated more accurately a mission we might perform," said Lieutenant Laskowski. "We also wanted to test our ability to communicate at night without the use of landmarks."

"Our mission of saving lives is absolutely crucial," said CERT Co-Incident Commander Rich Berendson. "By coming together as we have here in St. James Farm, we greatly enhanced our ability to respond efficiently and effectively to the needs of those who seek our assistance in times of distress."



"Rescue the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time."



Winter Safety Tips

Courtesy of IEMA

Illinois Winter Weather Facts

- A total of **37 people have died from outdoor exposure** to cold temperatures in the state of Illinois since 1997. This is more than severe thunderstorms and tornadoes (25 deaths), floods (14) and lightning (12) during the same period.
- Illinois normally experiences five severe winter storms each year. However, during the winter of 2007-08 there were **16 severe winter storms**, five of which impacted one third or more of the state!
- As few as two (*in the winters of 1921-1922 and 1980-1981*), and as many as 18 (*in the winters of 1977-1978 and 1981-1982*) severe winter storms have occurred in Illinois.
- There has not been a winter in Illinois without a severe winter storm in the past century.
- Average annual snowfall ranges from nearly 39 inches of snow in Rockford and Chicago, to as little as 10 to 15 inches in the southern tip of Illinois.
- The greatest snowfall on record from a single storm occurred near the west central Illinois town of Astoria, where 37.8 inches was measured February 27-28, 1900.
- On average, locations from just south of Quincy, through Lincoln, to Watseka experience more freezing rain and ice storms than any other part of the state.
- The coldest temperature on record in the state occurred on January 5, 1999 when the mercury dipped to -36 °F near Congerville in Woodford County!

Affects of Winter Storms

Severe winter storms can cause widespread damage and disruption. Heavy snow often results in paralyzed transportation systems, automobile accidents due to slippery roads and stranded vehicles. Glazing from ice storms topples utility lines and poles and makes travel virtually impossible. These conditions can be a threat to life. Nearly 80 people in the United States die from winter storms and extreme cold every year. This number is larger than the fatalities due to tornadoes!

BEFORE A WINTER STORM OR EXTREME COLD

- **Learn how to protect your family's health during the winter months:**
 - o Dress appropriately for the winter.
 - o Learn the physical dangers to your body.
 - **Gather emergency supplies for work or home:**
 - o Be prepared for at least three days, if not more.
 - o A battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and a battery-powered commercial radio and extra batteries.
 - o Foods that do not require cooking or refrigeration are best. Include high energy foods such as dried fruit and candy.
 - o Extra medications and special items for babies, the disabled or elderly.
 - o Extra water in clean containers.
 - o Rock salt to melt ice on walkways and sand to improve traction.
 - o Flashlights and extra batteries. Do not use candles; they are a fire hazard.
 - **Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply:**
 - o Insulate walls and attics.
 - o Caulk and weatherize doors and windows.
 - o Install storm windows, or cover windows with plastic.
 - **Take steps to prevent frozen water pipes:**
 - o Locate and insulate pipes most susceptible to freezing--typically those near outer walls, in crawl spaces, or in attics.
 - o Wrap pipes with heat tape (UL approved).
 - o Seal any leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located.
 - o Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
 - o In case pipes burst, make sure you and your family know how to shut off the water.



Winter in Illinois



"Be Prepared"



Winter Safety Tips continued

- **Prepare for possible isolation in your home for several days:**
 - o Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel. After a severe winter storm, regular fuel carriers may not be able to reach you for days.
 - o Have emergency heating equipment (fireplaces, wood burning stoves/space heaters) and ample fuel so you can keep at least one room of your house warm enough to be livable. Always ensure proper ventilation.
 - o Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure your family knows how to use them.
- **Prepare your vehicle for the winter:**
 - o Winterize your vehicle following the suggested maintenance schedule included in the owner's manual, or have your vehicle serviced by a reputable dealer, garage, or mechanic.
 - o Check your wipers, tires, lights, and fluid levels regularly. Make sure the brakes and transmission are working properly. Lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent them freezing.
 - o Prepare a Winter Storm Survival Kit and carry it in your vehicle.



DURING A WINTER STORM AND EXTREME COLD

When At Home

- Stay indoors in a heated room as much as possible.
- Hang blankets over windows at night, but let the sun shine in during the day. Cover cracks around doors with rugs, newspapers, towels or other such material.
- When using alternative heat from a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc., use safeguards and ensure proper ventilation.
- Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet away from flammable objects.
- If you have no heat, close off unneeded rooms and place towels or rags under the doors. Cover windows at night.
- Eat to supply heat to your body and drink non-alcoholic beverages to avoid dehydration.
- If your water pipes freeze:
 - o Shut off water at the main source. This can minimize the damage to your home.
 - o Call a plumber and contact your insurance agent.
 - o Never try to thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame or torch.
 - o Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.



Outside

- Avoid overexertion, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. The strain from the cold and the hard labor could cause a heart attack at any age - a major cause of death in the winter.
- Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- If you become stranded:
 - o Seek shelter to stay dry.
 - o Cover all exposed parts of the body.
 - o If no shelter is nearby, prepare a lean-to, windbreak or snow cave for protection from the wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Do not eat snow as it will lower your body temperature. Melt it first.

When Traveling

If you decide a trip cannot be delayed, consider using public transportation. If you decide to drive your vehicle:

- **Before You Leave**
 - o **Plan your travel and check the latest weather conditions** along your travel route. Listen to weather forecasts on TV, local radio stations or NOAA Weather Radio.
 - o **Check** your wipers, tires, lights and fluid level. Lubricate door and trunk locks with lock lubricant to prevent them from freezing. Start with a full tank of gas.
 - o **Travel during daylight hours** on main roads and don't travel alone.
 - o **Carry a Winter Storm Survival Kit in your vehicle.**
 - o **Provide your itinerary to a friend, relative or co-workers.** Include information on where you are going, the routes you will travel and when you expect to arrive. When you reach your destination, make a call to report that you have arrived.



Winter Safety Tips continued

• On The Road

- o **Buckle your seat belts!**
- o **Be prepared to turn back** and seek shelter if conditions become threatening.
- o Keep your **windows clear** of snow and ice. Do not start driving until your windshield is defrosted.
- o **Drive slower** and increase your following distance. Your speed should be adjusted for the conditions and match the flow of traffic.
- o Roadway conditions may vary depending on the sun, shade, or roadway surface.
- o **Watch for slick spots** especially under bridges, on overpasses and in shaded spots.
- o If the pavement is snow or ice covered, **start slowly and brake gently**. Begin braking early when you come to an intersection. If you start to slide, ease off the gas pedal or brakes. Steer into the direction of the skid until you feel you have regained traction then straighten your vehicle.
- o When a snowplow is coming toward you, allow plenty of room for the truck to pass. When the center line is being cleared and salted, the plow tip may be on or over the line.
- o **When you approach a snowplow from behind, pass with care** and only when you can see the road ahead of the truck. You should not try to pass in blowing snow; there may be a vehicle in that cloud of snow. Allow more distance between you and the plow, which may be spreading salt.
- o **While traveling, refuel often** ---- keeping your gas tank near full to prevent ice in the tank and fuel lines, which could leave you stranded. These frequent stops also should help to relieve tense muscles.

• If Stranded

- o **Pull as far off the road as possible**, set your hazard lights to "flashing," and hang or tie a colored cloth (preferably red) to your antenna, window or door. After the snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate trouble. If you have a cellular phone, **call for help**.
- o **Stay in your vehicle** where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Distances are distorted by blowing snow. A building may seem close, but actually be too far away to reach by walking in deep snow.
- o **Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow**, and then run the engine and heater about ten minutes each hour to keep warm. Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine. When the engine is running, open a window slightly for ventilation. The fresh air will protect you from carbon monoxide poisoning. Periodically clear away snow from the exhaust pipe.
- o **Use items in your Winter Storm Survival Kit.**
- o Exercise to keep blood circulating and to maintain body heat by **vigorously moving arms, legs, fingers, and toes**. In extreme cold or if you don't have a Winter Storm Survival Kit, use road maps, seat covers and floor mats for insulation.
- o **Take turns sleeping**. One person should be awake at all times to look out for rescue crews.
- o Be careful not to use up battery power. Balance electrical energy needs – the use of lights, heat and radio -- with supply.
- o If stranded in a remote rural area or wilderness area, spread a large cloth over the snow to attract attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane. Once the blizzard passes, you may need to leave the vehicle and proceed on foot.

WINTER STORM SURVIVAL KIT FOR TRAVELERS

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Knife
- High calorie, non-perishable food
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- A large empty can and plastic cover with tissues and paper towels for sanitary purposes
- A smaller can and water-proof matches to melt snow for drinking water
- Sack of sand (or cat litter)
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit
- Tow rope
- Booster cables
- Water container
- Compass and road maps



Winter Safety Tips continued

RECOMMENDED WINTER ATTIRE

- Wear loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing in several layers (the trapped air between the layers insulates). Layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill.
- Wear outer garments that are tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded.
- Wear a hat (half of body heat is lost through the top of the head).
- Wear mittens that are snug at the wrist. Mittens offer better protection. Gloves allow your fingers to cool much faster than mittens do.
- Cover the mouth and nose with scarves to help protect lungs from cold air.
- Attempt to keep your feet as dry as possible. Wear wool socks.



FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA

Frostbite is a severe reaction to cold exposure of the skin that can permanently damage fingers, toes, the nose, and ear lobes. Symptoms are numbness and a white or pale appearance to the skin. When symptoms are apparent, seek medical help immediately. If medical help is not immediately available, slowly warm the affected areas.

Hypothermia, or low body temperature, is a possibly life threatening condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms include:

- Slow or slurred speech
- Incoherence
- Memory loss
- Disorientation
- Uncontrollable shivering
- Drowsiness
- Repeated stumbling
- Apparent exhaustion.

If these symptoms are detected, take the person's temperature. **If below 95 degrees F, immediately seek medical attention.** If medical help is not available, begin warming the person slowly. Always warm the body core first. Get the person into dry clothing, and wrap them in a warm blanket covering the head and neck. Do not give the victim alcohol, drugs, coffee, or any hot beverage. Warm broth is better. Do not warm extremities (arms and legs) first. This drives the cold blood toward the heart and can lead to heart failure.

WIND CHILL

Most of the time, cold is judged in terms of a thermometer reading. With people and other living things though, both temperature and wind speed are needed to produce a "wind chill factor." The wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the combined effects of the wind and cold. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature. The wind chill shows how cold the wind makes exposed flesh feel and is a good way to determine the potential for frostbite or hypothermia.

Remember, wind chill values apply only to living beings. The wind chill factor does not apply to non-living objects. If the temperature is 35 °F. and the wind chill is 10 °F., objects such as pipes or cars will only cool to 35 °F.



Wheaton Fire Department Open House and Sheriff's Safety Saturday Events

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

"A first for Milton
Township CERT team."

The Wheaton Fire Department held their 125th annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 27. Milton Township CERT team served up just over 620 servings of Culver's Frozen Custard sundaes. The kids that came to the booth were given their sundaes and the adults could get a sundae if they signed up for the quarterly newsletter.

What a great chance to serve the community, educate kids and adults about Disaster Preparedness, and recruit for our CERT team. That's not all! We also provided shuttle buses between the fire station and the DuPage County Sheriff Safety Saturday event via our CERT drivers at First Student Bus Company!



Winfield Fire Department Open House

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

The Winfield Fire Protection District held their annual open house on Saturday, October 11. Milton Township CERT team served up about 500 servings of Culver's Frozen Custard sundaes. The kids that came to the booth were given their sundaes and the adults could get a sundae if they signed up for the quarterly newsletter.

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Shop with Law Enforcement 2008

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

For the last 20 years the DuPage County Sheriff Office deputies have been participating in the well known annual tradition "Shop With A Sheriff". This year Sheriff John Zaruba asked Sergeant Randy Groh, CERT Instructor and organizer of the event, to make this year's event a little different by coordinating with the Chiefs of Police Association and inviting all law enforcement agencies in DuPage County to participate. This request took the scope of the event from the Sheriff Office's normally approximately thirty-five (35) underprivileged kids to approximate seventy (75) kids. Since Randy is very familiar with the Milton Township CERT team, he knew to call Ralph Hinkle and ask for the help of the team. Ralph enlisted ten (10) of the lead team to help the officers with the job of wrapping the gifts purchased by the officers and kids.

The children were chosen by agencies like Milton Township throughout the county. One child from each family was chosen to attend the event, which began at the Wheaton Bowl Banquet Hall with a few quick breakfast items and a visit with Santa. The kids were then loaded into one hundred (100) squad cars from the participating thirteen (13) agencies. It was a sight to behold. The lights and siren procession made its way to the Wal-Mart in Bloomingdale where the kids were allowed to spend \$150 each on gifts for their families.

Over one hundred (100) officers participated from the DuPage County Sheriff, DuPage County Forest Preserve Police, Bensenville Police, Bloomingdale Police, Carol Stream Police, Elmhurst Police, Glen Ellyn Police, Glendale Heights Police, Itasca Police, Lombard Police, Naperville Police, Oakbrook Police and Wooddale Police. Helping with miscellaneous duties such as gift wrapping, refreshments, and directions and even helping decide on which perfume to buy a child's Mom, were fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) volunteers from various organizations such as Milton Township CERT team, Volunteers in Police (VIPS), and DuPage County Citizen Police Academy alumni.

According to Randy, the event was a huge success and it is quite possible that this format for the event will be repeated in subsequent years. Milton Township CERT team was only too happy to have been included in seeing the joy on the kids' faces as they saw their families' Christmas made a little brighter. This is just another way for the team to help in the community and show the capabilities of the team.



Members Tim Keen and daughter Madison, Rich Berendson and Robin Rose wrapping up the gifts



Sheriff John Zaruba getting in on the action



Members Ralph Hinkle and John Monino make a great team



Member Sandee Schlickman lends a hand putting a woman's touch on perfume purchases



Sergeant Randy Groh coordinating details of the event



Volunteers working together to make so many families have a wonderful Christmas

Milton Township CERT T-Shirt Sales

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

You said you wanted to show your pride for the Milton township organization. You said you wanted Milton Township CERT members to look like the proud team that they are. You spoke and we listened.

Introducing the Milton Township Community Emergency Response Team T-shirt. This quality, short sleeve black t-shirt offers a four (4) color silk-screened CERT logo emblazoned with Milton Township – DuPage County, IL on the front. The shirt's backside proudly displays CERT in 4 inch tall, neon green reflective letters (the letters reflect bright white when illuminated at night).



Reflective letters on back of shirt



A limited quantity of shirt sizes are still available for purchase (from Adult Small through Adult 4-X Large). Milton Township CERT T-shirts will only be available at special events (i.e. any training exercise or a fire station open house) or the next scheduled training class. Take advantage of our winter sale and get your shirt for a limited time for \$20.00 each.

Do not contact the Milton Township Offices for these shirts. To purchase a shirt you MUST stop by a CERT class-in-session location or a Milton Township sponsored exercise/event (Check calendar at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/miltoncorps2> for events and class schedules) Contact Kimberly Gotte (Tango Class) at kgotte1960@gmail.com or Phil Wojtczak (Sierra Class) at prw275@aol.com for additional shirt information.

These shirts are not for sale to the general public. You must be a certified member in good standing with the Milton Township CERT Organization.

Items For Sale

Contributed by Ralph Hinkle



4 in 1 Tool

We have for sale a few items that we had in surplus. The items listed may be purchased only during a Milton Township CERT sponsored exercise or event. Do not contact the Milton Township offices for these items.

Item One: Metra Rail pin that was given at the completion of either the Mission Impossible Metra/FBI exercise or Metra Rail West Chicago event. These pins are in limited supply and are for sale for \$2.00

Item Two: 4 In 1 Tool. This tool is a non-sparking metal tool that is used to dig or hammer, pry open doors, shut off gas and shut off water. If you would like to add this to your backpack, they will be for sale in very limited supply for \$7.00.



Metra Rail Event Pin

There will be a table at each exercise/event where you will be able to purchase these items, while supply last.

Exciting Upcoming Events

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

2008 was an exciting and event filled year for Milton Township CERT team. We had many opportunities to learn new skills, network with fellow members and watch as our team grew to an amazing 362 strong. 2009 will be no less exciting. We have many new training opportunities planned along with some of your standard favorites.

We will be holding regular CPR/AED classes this year with the first being January 10 followed by another on February 14. We will have a first ever dedicated radio training session on March 7. Metra Rail has agreed to train us on commuter train safety again on March 21. For those of you that would love to learn how to use a chainsaw or hone the skills you already have, please plan to attend that training session on May 28. By popular demand we will have another CERT Rodeo/ Search and Rescue at St. James Farm tentatively planned for October 17



The above listing is just a start of what is planned for 2009. Our leadership teams are planning all kinds of CERT training events and contests from searches to triage and refresher events.

But you're the key to the events success. We want to say thanks to you for being an active CERT member!

Make plans to attend and enjoy an event, training or regular class. Stay tuned for more details via email

soon.



Yankee Training Class

Contributed by Kimberly Gotte

The first class of the year for the Milton Township CERT team will begin on January 15. We still have some openings for this class. It is always good for previous graduates to come forward with anyone that they think might want to take this class. The class location will be at the Wheaton Fire Station One, Fapp Circle, Wheaton. So share your enthusiasm with neighbors, co-workers or complete strangers, and let them know that the training is of great value in preparing yourself and your family in the event of a disaster. The knowledge that is gained, be it the use of a fire extinguisher, preparing a family disaster plan or making your own home more safe, is worth the time spent in class.

If you have someone that is interested in taking the class, please inform Ralph Hinkle as soon as possible. The class is filling up fast, so act quickly.

"Join us for the first training session of 2009. Come watch our team grow."





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