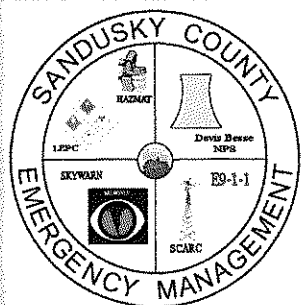


Newsletter

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Sandusky County Emergency Management Agency/911

Community Emergency Response Teams provide life-saving help right here at home in Sandusky County during emergencies and disasters. CERT members spring into action when disaster strikes by checking on neighbors, suppressing small fires, conducting light search and rescue, and provide emergency medical aid and psychological comfort to those around them as well as help to support other organiza-

tions like fire departments, law enforcement, and the EMA assess and respond to tornadoes, floods, and other disasters.

On Nov. 17, 2011 ten individuals graduated to become a part of the Sandusky County CERT team. They were as follows:

Mike Sears
Rich Oddo
Carmella Riffle

Chris Mock
Bob Karlovatz
David Gierhart
Warren Brown
Owen Fritz

CONGRATULATIONS
AND THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING!



Winter Storm Preparation

- Before winter approaches, add the following supplies to your [emergency kit](#):
- Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) for a complete list of recommended products.
- Sand to improve traction.
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
- Sufficient heating fuel.

You may become isolated in your home and regular fuel sources may be cut off. Store a good supply of dry, seasoned wood for your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

- Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.
- Make a [Family Communications Plan](#). Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or other local news channels for critical information from the National Weather Service (NWS). Be alert to changing weather conditions.

- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.

Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

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Special points of interest:

- The Alert Monitoring System was checked on 1/4/12.
- Siren Testing scheduled for 1/7/12 at 12pm. 4 new County Sirens will be tested also.
- * Free !! Damage Assessment Class set for 1/21/12 from 9am-1pm at the Sand. Co. EMA offices.
- * Next CERT Class scheduled for March 2012.

Call today to register for Classes