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GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT/MRC



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Andover, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Franklin, Hebron, Hill, New Hampton, Northfield, Salisbury, Sanbornton, and Tilton



UPCOMING EVENTS

CERT and MRC Spring Meeting April 6, 2010

Location: New found Regional High School Media Center

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend and Dinner is included

IS 100.a Certification Computer Lab April 14, 2010

Location: Franklin Fire
Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Dinner is included free of charge. Director Jim Richardson will assist members in obtaining their certification that evening. Existing members are also welcome to attend. For new volunteers the IS 100.a is required core competency.

To register or for more information please contact Donna Quinn, Coordinator at 603-934-0177 ext 136

THE GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT AND MRC PROVIDE SHELTER SUPPORTS

On February 25, 2010 the State of New Hampshire experienced winter weather conditions that led to numerous power outages throughout the state and required the opening of shelters in various locations. On Friday, February 26, 2010 Unit Director James Richardson received a request from the Capital Area to help support a regional shelter that Red Cross was assisting in opening. That evening two of the Greater Franklin-Bristol CERT team members were deployed to the Concord area to support the mobilization of the shelter. On February 27, 2010 two MRC members, an RN and nurse relieved the CERT members and worked to care for individuals in the shelter with medical needs. The support from this region was greatly appreciated and we applaud our volunteers for their tireless service not only to our communities but neighboring communities in a time of need.

REGIONAL NEWS

- The Regional Coordinating Council is inviting all CERT and MRC members to attend an After Action Conference and Appreciation Luncheon at Franklin Regional Hospital. This is an opportunity for all members to participate in a workshop to discuss lessons learned from the fall/winter H1N1 Clinics and PODs. Please visit our website, www.gfbcertmrc.com for additional details. R.S.V.P. to Donna Quinn at 603-934-0177 or via email at dquinn@ccntr.org
- As the Public Health Network for this region, CCNTR has received notice of renewal of funding for their Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Contract. This contract allows for regional planning activities to assist in ensuring the safety of the communities we support.

MRC NEWS

Acronym Alley

Ever wonder what all of the acronyms mean? Here is the code to figure some out. Look for new ones each month:

NERT: National Emergency Response Team

VOAD: Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

NDMS: National Disaster

Medical System

COOP: Continuity of Operations

DHS: Department of Homeland Security

JIC: Joint Information Center

ESF: Emergency Support Function

* If you have an acronym you think would be of interest to folks please email dquinn@ccnt.org with your suggestion.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a statewide training opportunity for MRC members. There will be two dates and locations to choose from. Saturday, April 17th at the Highlander Inn, Manchester, NH and Saturday, June 5th at the Common Man Inn, Plymouth, NH. These trainings are open to CERT members too. There are many great sessions to choose from and several sessions will count towards core competency requirements. For more information please visit us online at www.gfbcertmrc.com or contact Donna Quinn at 934-0177 X 136 or dquinn@ccnt.org

WHAT HAS CERT BEEN UP TO LATELY?

THE CERT TEAM WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- On March 6 and 13th Co- instructors Jim Richardson and Donna Quinn taught a CERT class for the city of Concord. The course was 20 hours long and covered many of the core competencies required to be activated with the CERT team. Two of the graduates of this course were Greater Franklin –Bristol CERT team members. Welcome Helen Lopresti and Bonnie O'Brien who traveled from Alexandria two Saturday's in a row to complete this course.
- The CERT and MRC Handbook is complete and will be disseminated to volunteers at the April 6th meeting.



FUTURE EVENTS

The Greater Franklin-Bristol CERT and MRC units look forward to the following upcoming events:

- Traffic Safety Class
- Choose Franklin May 8th
- Alexandria Community Day

~ If you have an event that you would the assistance of the CERT and MRC at please fill out a request form online at www.gfbcertmrc.com, please 6-8 weeks for non-emergency request.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NIMS COMPUTER LAB GRADUATES

THE GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL AND GREATER PLYMOUTH MRC UNITS HELD A NIMS COMPUTER LAB ON MARCH 10, 2010 AT PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY.