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GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT/MRC



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Serving the Communities of

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Hebron, Hill, New Hampton, Northfield, Salisbury, Sanbornton, and Tilton



UPCOMING EVENTS

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~February 9th new member orientation

~February 16th part one of CERT and animals and sheltering

~February 22th Psychological first aid

~March 2nd ICS 100, for new members or as a refresher for those who need it.

~March 9th, part two of animals in disasters.

***Amateur radio

licensing class to begin in April— visit our web-site for more information

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

** [all trainings are from 6:30-8:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Please check our web-site for training locations.](#)

THE GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

The Greater-Franklin Bristol MRC is pleased to announce that we were awarded a \$5000.00 capacity building award (CBA) from the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). This is the third year that our MRC unit has received the CBA from NACCHO. The award will be used to support trainings, and purchase supplies and go kits for our members.

To learn more about NACCHO visit them at www.NACCHO.org. To view the award letter for MRC unit 1565 visit our web-site at www.gfbcert.mrc.com



REGIONAL TRAINING UPDATES

Over the past year the unit has worked together to provide trainings for our members but also to provide opportunities for our members to make connections out in the community. One such opportunity came from the New Hampshire Immunization Program (NHIP). NHIP was given an opportunity to share seasonal flu vouchers with those who do not have insurance. Our local community agencies and town offices were contacted to determine how many vouchers each agency would like to have available to them. On January 7, 2011 our CERT and MRC volunteers worked with their sister region in Plymouth to deliver over 300 vouchers to 26 communities.

CERT and MRC volunteers pose for a picture before departing to deliver seasonal flu vouchers.



CERT NEWS

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CERT and MRC

Acronym Alley

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

BT: Bioterrorism

MRE: Meals Ready to Eat

ARC: American Red Cross

FDA: Food and Drug

Administration

HRSA: Health Resources and Service Administration

OPHP: Office of Public Health and Preparedness

SOP: Standard Operating

Procedure

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



The CERT team's new trailer is ready to be deployed when requested. The trailer has been packed with all of the teams, jackets, ansi-class vests, traffic control accessories, several cots and other sheltering supplies. Thank you to the NACA Chief group for their generous donation that allowed us to purchase shelving and other storage supplies. These much needed items help us keep the trailer organized.

THE GFB CERT TEAMS INSTALLS AMATEUR RADIO

On December 19, 2011 the CERT teams assisted in the installation of an amateur radio base station at the Bristol Fire Station. The radio allows for a back up form of communication for Bristol Fire's Emergency Operations Center. As many of our CERT and MRC members are licensed amateur radio operators we will be conducting monthly tests of this radio. Thank you to all who helped with this project.

CERT member Dave Worrall makes the final connections to the base radio station.



THE CERT & MRC TEAM CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Have you registered with the Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Care Professionals- ESAR-VHP. If not go to www.icanhelp.NH.gov. It is a quick and easy way to register your credentials and it is a requirement for all GFB MRC members!

On December 11, 2011 the Greater Franklin- Bristol CERT and MRC joined the Greater Plymouth MRC unit to celebrate the holidays together. This is a wonderful time for both units to spend time together. In addition to our holiday celebration we reviewed the results of our annual call out drill with Grafton County Sheriff's Code Red System. Thank you to all our members for all their hard work over the past year!



SHELTER TRAINING

On January 25, 2011 the CERT and MRC units had a presentation from Zach Sullivan of the Red Cross. The training provided our volunteers an overview of Shelter operations. Through this training our volunteers learned more about what roles they might play in supporting a shelter. The group also had an opportunity to review some of the paperwork and forms they might be requested to use if working in a shelter. Thank you to Zach Sullivan for taking the time to share this presentation with us.

