

# CARING COMMUNITY NETWORK OF THE TWIN RIVERS

## GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT/MRC



### The *RESPONDER*

Serving the Communities of

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



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 6th there will be a new member orientation for both CERT and MRC. This session will be offered at the New Hampton School, Dr Childs Rd. From 6:30-7:30. This is a great way to learn more about the program if you are considering this volunteer opportunity.
- On October 13, 2010 we will be hosting a two-way radio communication overview. Whether you are new to this type of equipment or a seasoned pro, there will be great information for all!
- Join us on October 20, 2010 for a presentation from Grafton County Sheriff's department on their Code Red system. The presentation will take place at 6:30, Location TBD

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

## THE GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

September marked the close out of a \$3000.00 mini-grant that the unit received from the Community Health Institute. Through this funding we were able to host training sessions, purchase "go-kits" for our members and place some advertisements in local newspapers.

On September 10, 2010 the Greater Franklin-Bristol unit, 1565 submitted an application to the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO). This is the third year the unit has applied for the annual Capacity Building Awards. The initial award to new units was \$10,000.00, which our unit was awarded. The awards for existing units is \$5000.00 which we received in 2009. We will be advised our award status in December.

#### REGIONAL NEWS

### THE CERT AND MRC TEAM SPONSOR FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

As September is National Preparedness month the CERT and the MRC team helped to share information about how to stay prepared with our local communities. On

September 16, a family preparedness session was offered free of charge to anyone interested. This session was facilitated by Regional Preparedness Coordinator, James Richardson and CERT/MRC Coordinator, Donna Quinn. Additionally, MRC members spoke to the importance of stocking first aid kits.

Thanks to residents and public safety officials for making this a great evening.



# CERT NEWS



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:

**COG:** Continuity of Government

**CST:** Civil Support Team (National Guard)

**PHN:** Public Health Network

**DHS:** Department of Homeland Security

**EPA:** Environmental Protection agency

**NGO:** Non-Governmental

Organization

**VOAD:** Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

- **If you have an acronym you think would be of interest to folks please email [dquinn@ccntr.org](mailto:dquinn@ccntr.org) with your suggestion.**

On September 13, 2010 the CERT received their new CERT trailer! This trailer is compliments of Volunteer NH who will allow our CERT team to utilize the trailer to store supplies and equipment in. Thank you to the town of New Hampton for agreeing to insure and store the trailer.



## WHAT HAS CERT BEEN UP

### THE CERT and MRC TEAM Celebrate Their Success with An Appreciation Cookout

On August 14, 2010 the CERT and MRC got together for their annual cookout and a time in which we honor all that our

volunteers do. The celebration was attended by over 20 volunteers and their family members and in addition to a cookout there was a family preparedness training session that day. Thanks again to all of our volunteers!



Volunteers participate in a preparedness session and enjoy a great summer day!



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](http://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!



## Daylight Saving is Just Around the Corner!

Daylight savings is on November 7, 2010. Don't forget to adjust your clocks back 1 hour! This is also a great time to check your smoke detectors, and replace the batteries. It is also a great time of year to check your family's emergency preparedness kit. Do you have the recommended supply of water, flashlights and a well stocked first-aid kit. For more information on what you should have in your kit visit: [www.readynh.gov](http://www.readynh.gov)



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