



Steele County CERT News

11-Sep-2024

September Meeting

The next regular CERT meeting is scheduled for Wed, 18-Sep. Training will be provided relating to radio communication and the ARMER system.

Continuing Training

At the bottom is a list of recent activities, potential volunteer events, and suggested training. Please review the training topics and share what interests you most.

CERT Trainer Qualification

We previously shared the opportunity to participate in a CERT Train-the-Trainer course next week. If you could not participate in the in-person opportunity but have an interest in being a qualified CERT trainer, the training is available online. These virtual classes are available on a national basis. Because of the national audience, getting accepted can be more difficult. Apply early.

EMI Virtual [K0428 CERT Train-the-Trainer \(T-T-T\) Course](#) dates:

- September 10 – 19, 2024 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- November 5-14, 2024 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- January 7-16, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- February 11-20, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- March 4-14, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- May 13-22, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)
- July 8-17, 2025 (T, W, F - 1:00pm -5:00 pm)

Register to take this course at <https://training.fema.gov/emicourses>.

CERT Picnic

We had a lovely couple of hours at the Owatonna Gainey Park on 24-Aug. A small group of 9 enjoyed a cooler day with the opportunity to learn more about each other.

Many thanks to Bob Beier for planning the event. Bob also grilled burgers to order with his “secret hamburger sauce”. In addition to the burgers, we had hot dogs, chips, water, soft drinks and salads. Deb Bailey was kind enough to bring some coleslaw to share.

Several participated in the “BYOB”, bring along your CERT bag (or bags). The opportunity for everyone to see what works other CERT members was well received.



AMEM Conference

Kristen, Megan, and Tom will be attending the annual Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM) scheduled for Sep 15-18.

Additional Activities

The list of suggested activity and training topics is included below. Please be sure to share your opinions so we plan activities that have the greatest interest. You can send your opinions to:

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Training / Activity Topic	Schedule	Status
CPR / AED	06-Aug-2024	Completed
Steele County Free Fair	13-Aug-2024 through 18-Aug-2024	Completed
CERT Social	24-Aug-2024	Completed
CERT Bag Comparison	24-Aug-2024	Completed
Radio Communication	18-Sep-2024	Scheduled
Crowd / Traffic Control		
Owatonna High School Homecoming	04-Oct-2024	Tentative
Owatonna Holiday Parade	??-Dec-2024	Tentative
CPKC Holiday Train	??-Dec-2024	Tentative
CERT New Member Class	11-Feb-2025 thru 13-Mar-2025	Tentative
SKYWARN Spotter Training	18-Mar-2025	Tentative
OSCAR Amateur Radio License	25-Mar-2025 thru 17-Apr-2025	Tentative
Wenger Band Festival	??-Jun-2025	Tentative
Steele County Free Fair	??-Aug-2025 thru ??-Aug-2025	Tentative
Suggested Training Topics		
Damage Assessment		
Bloodborne Pathogen		
First Aid Refresher		
Stop the Bleed; Tourniquets		
Triage Review		
Shelter Exercise		
Search and Rescue – Table Top		
Search and Rescue - Field		
Forms Review		
Animal Care		
Supplemental CERT Modules		
CERT Emergency Communications		
CERT Firefighter Rehab		
CERT Flood Response		
CERT Traffic and Crowd Management		
CERT Tools for Leadership Success		
CERT Exercise Swaps		
CERT Hazard Annex (natural disasters)		