

# Chatham CERT

General Meeting  
April 24, 2019



# Agenda

- Introductions

Please fill out contact form with name, email, cell phone & cell provider, plus ham callsign if you have one

- Chatham CERT Mission

- Gear

- Upcoming meetings & classes

- Tonight's meeting

# Training & Meetings

## Recent

- CERT community outreach

## Tonight

- Wildfire in North Carolina

## Upcoming

- May – PODS
- June - TBD

## CERT and other Courses

- TBD: Chatham County

*Sign up at TERMS  
NC Training / Exercise /  
Response Management  
System*

*<https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/>*



# Chatham CERT Mission

- The Chatham Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) delivers education and training for Chatham County residents on **emergency and disaster preparedness**, and when activated, supports, to the extent of their training, Chatham County emergency response under the direction of Chatham County Emergency Management officials and local incident commanders.

Forms in  
the back of  
the room

# CERT Application

Name and contact  
information

Background  
and any  
past training

Photo release

Background check  
release

We also need a  
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## Chatham County, NC CERT Program Membership Application

The following information is required – please print legibly!

When completed, turn in to an officer at any Chatham CERT meeting or submit to ChathamCERT@Outlook.com.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood / Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Provider \_\_\_\_\_  
HAM Callsign/ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Information  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently or was formerly:

- ☐ Military
- ☐ Medically Trained
- ☐ Fire Department
- ☐ Law Enforcement

FEMA Training ID \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed/taken the following:

- ☐ NC-317 CERT Basic Training Class (Classroom)
- ☐ IS-317 Introduction to CERT (Online)
- ☐ ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS)
- ☐ ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources & Initial Action Incidents
- ☐ ICS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
- ☐ ICS-800 National Response Framework, an Introduction

List here skills you feel you will bring to Chatham CERT, other CERT programs you have participated in, or requirements for accommodations. If there is insufficient space here, indicate below and continue on the reverse.

☐ Continued on reverse

As a CERT member you may be asked to work in situations which expose you to confidential data and/or exposed to confidential data or property. If you do not wish to have a free background check performed, skip this section. A background check will be required for some duties and offices.

Driver License # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for any still image (photography) or video footage in which I may appear to be used for whatever purpose is deemed appropriate. I do this voluntarily and with the understanding there is no remuneration. In addition, I release any involved agencies and/or jurisdictions from any liability related to my participation in CERT activities including training, deployment, or other CERT related activities. I hereby certify the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my ability.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## CERT Startup - Gear

- Standard vest for CERT participants: everyone buys their own '**Deluxe CERT vest** – fitted with pockets and reflective stripes' for \$13.88 from [www.sosproducts.com](http://www.sosproducts.com)
- Optional shirt and cap (can order)
  - Not required but nice items when dealing with the community



# CERT Alerts

- The first notification sent out through Chatham County CodeRED system, then:

- Check CERT website
- Check Chatham Co Emergency Ops Twitter and Facebook
- Chatham CERT Zello channel
- Texting

- CERT requests for volunteers and additional information will be on the CERT website at <http://www.chathamcert.org>



## Personal Awareness Color Codes

**White:** relaxed and unaware of what is going on around you. This is sitting at home, doors locked, and quietly watching TV. Think 'preoccupied' or 'daydreaming'.

**Yellow:** relaxed, but aware of who and what is around you. If you are outside your home, you should start in condition Yellow. Pay attention to sights and sounds wherever you are at - in your home, or out in society. Be aware of what is happening. Make eye contact with strangers. Know the nearest exits. Run through 'what-if' scenarios' in your mind. Think 'alert but not paranoid'.

**Orange:** you have noticed something that may or may not prove to be a threat. Remain very alert and be aware of your entire surroundings. Think 'something is not right'. In this state you are anticipating a bad situation, and you should be planning to respond.

**Red:** you have identified a real threat. Be ready to 'Run-Hide-Fight' and take decisive action.

Being aware of your surroundings and avoiding areas where incidents may occur helps us stay out of condition Red.





# Social media

Chatham CERT Website:  
<http://www.chathamcert.org>

Chatham CERT Twitter:  
**@CertChatham**

Chatham CERT Facebook:  
**@ChathamCERT**

# Meeting Topics from March survey

- Search and Rescue (tentative Oct 5 – Sat)
- CPR & AED
- CERT traffic and crowd management
- Dealing with long-term power outages / EMP
- First Aid Certification (June?)
- Land Navigation and Compass Reading (prior to SAR course)
- Food safety, storage, disaster food preparation
- Working with law enforcement in a disaster

POTENTIAL CERT TOPICS – Check your top six requests (no order)

☐ NC Good Samaritan laws, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.14

☐ Advanced medical topics (suggestions)

☐ American sign language for first responders

☐ CERT safety around blood borne pathogens

☐ CERT firefighter rehab

☐ CERT tools for leadership success

☐ CERT traffic and crowd management

☐ CERT working with law enforcement operations in a disaster

☐ CERT support to search and rescue operations

☐ CERTS in pandemic preparation and response

☐ Supporting children in disasters

☐ Community preparedness: simple activities for everyone

☐ CPR & AED (cost for certification)

☐ Cribbing exercises

☐ Dealing with long-term power outages / solar storms / EMP

☐ Personal and Family Financial Preparedness

☐ Home Fire Safety / Fire Prevention

☐ First Aid certification (\$100 - \$125 cost for certification by Red Cross)

☐ Flood response for CERTs

☐ Food safety, storage, disaster food preparation

☐ Formidable Footprint on-line exercises - last Saturday every month

☐ Ham radio antennas - how to build your own

☐ Head-to-Toe assessments

☐ Home hazards - identifying and correcting

☐ Horse and other large animal handling and safety

☐ How prepared are you really?

☐ Human trafficking awareness

☐ Land Navigation and Compass Reading

☐ Pet preparedness

☐ POC training (food and water distribution; scheduled for May 2019)

☐ Power outage preparedness and safety (short-term)

☐ Public gas safety

☐ Railroad safety

☐ Search codes

☐ Skewett (previously on August 2018)

☐ Tabletop exercises

☐ Tactical Emergency Casualty Care for 1<sup>st</sup> responders (1 day, approx. \$100 fee)

☐ What's in Your emergency bag?

☐ Wilderness First Aid certification (2 days, approx. \$250 fee)

☐ Working with individuals with disabilities

☐ Firearm safety / making firearms safe

☐ Wildfire preparedness and safety (Scheduled for April 2019)

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# CERT Outreach

- Chatham County AgFest – March 2019
- June 7: Chicken Plate Fundraiser with Sheriff's office
- Others tbd

**Questions?**