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Quarterly General Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

The **Quarterly General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Civic Center.

We will have two county-level speakers attending to share updates. Heidi Scaffè from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will be our first guest speaker to review our MIC/POD class/drill that was held on August 14th and to share recent information from the Centers of Disease & Control. In addition, Tara Vargovich from the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management will update our group on training opportunities and county activities. Tara will also be handing out certificates to those who participated in the 2013 Citizen Corps Exercise Program. Following our guest speakers, Independence Fire Chief Rega will discuss our readiness status.

Quad City CERT volunteers are urged to attend for important information!! Sally will have delicious refreshments and we ask that you arrive at 6:45 p.m. so we can begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Remember to bring cell phones, ink cartridges or other qualifying items for our **Stuff the Box Recycling Fundraiser!! We hope to have the largest collection to date!!** To see a complete list of recyclable items, visit our website at quadcertycert.org

Important Note: This will be the only opportunity to offer you sample jackets to try on! Please see the article "Thanks to Our Volunteers".



The Executive Board has unanimously agreed to purchase CERT jackets for the dedicated volunteers who have supported Quad City at a the leadership level. The jackets are lightweight, water resistant, zip up and will have the Quad City CERT logo on the front. They have an attached hood which can be rolled inside the stand collar, vented back yoke with Velcro closure and adjustable elasticized wrist cuffs. They are available in Men's sizes XS

through 5XL, and Women's sizes XS through 3XL. The leadership volunteers will be notified by email that they will be given a jacket.

We will also be purchasing the same jackets to sell to Quad City member and reserve volunteers. The cost of the jacket will be determined by the total number we order, however they will be approximately \$28-\$30.

Sample jackets will be at the September 4th General Meeting so they can be tried on to verify sizes. Jackets can be ordered at that time or by calling (216) 739-3702. The deadline for ordering jackets is Friday, September 27th and the jackets will be distributed at the December 4th General Meeting.

The Quad City CERT Board is pleased to show our appreciation to the volunteers who have stepped up and shared their talents to support our team!



We are looking for volunteers to work the 1st Annual **Brooklyn Heights On The Run** 5K Race/One Mile Walk on Saturday, October 12th. Volunteers are needed to stand (or bring a chair and sit) along the race line. We will meet that morning at the Brooklyn Heights Community Center to receive positions and radios. If you are able to help with this race, please contact Thea at (216) 739-3702.



CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PUBLIC SAFETY DEMONSTRATION DAY

In recognition of September's designation as National Preparedness Month, the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management will again team up with the Independence Fire & Police Departments and the Independence Schools to conduct the **2013 Cuyahoga County National Preparedness Day** at the Middle School. The county is also working with the schools on busing in kids from neighboring schools for the event and we may have as many as 1,200 children attend! The event will be held on **September 23rd** and will run from **8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** depending on the number of schools wishing to participate. The event is only open to the students and city officials. **We are asking that our CERT members also be present as they are a big part of our response in a disaster.** CERT volunteers will assist in moving the kids from station to station and share what they do as a CERT volunteer. Please call Thea at (216) 739-3702 if you can help. We need at least twelve volunteers!



At a recent meeting, we discussed the possibility of starting a Teen CERT. This concept began in Los Angeles where the original CERT concept began and has proven successful and beneficial both to the CERT teams and to the youth involved. We are going to have an ad-hoc (temporary) committee form to review the program and the potential benefit it may bring to our Quad City CERT team. If you are interested, please call Mary Benedek at (216) 447-1928 who will be heading this committee.



iPad4 Raffle

We continue to sell raffle tickets for an iPad4! Tickets are \$5 each and only 200 will be sold! Winning ticket will be pulled when 200th ticket is sold and winner will be notified!

Seven Hills Chili Cook-Off & Art Show

On **Sunday, October 6th**, Seven Hills is holding their Annual Chili Cook-Off & Art Show. Admission is free and the event runs from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Quad City has a booth and will be selling raffle tickets, handing out balloons, etc. Phyllis Glaeser is coordinating volunteers to help. She is hoping to have two people and they can call her at (216) 214-8341 to set up times. Sounds like fun!!

EXECUTIVE BOARD WELCOMES NEW SECRETARY!

We are happy to welcome Mike Sklodowski, retired Independence firefighter, to the Secretary position on the Executive Board. Mike brings with him a great amount of knowledge and experience and will be a huge asset to the board. Thank you Mike and we look forward to working with you!

The Quad City Executive Board is looking for a community coordinator for Brooklyn Heights - the details are listed below. Please consider taking on this role to support the QCC team!



- Actively work with Community Representative of your city
- Be aware of your municipal events and advise where Quad City CERT can participate and/or support
- Work with city officials and employees to coordinate and promote Quad City CERT events
- Publicize Quad City CERT events in your municipal publications
- Recruit volunteers for scheduled events
- Work with Community Representative on Home Day events

If you are interested or have questions, please contact any of the Four Chiefs at their respective stations or Thea at 216-642-1147. We would be happy to have new faces work with us and no matter what position - you will have help getting started! Please call us with any questions!

Please note the NEW Quad City CERT email address:

quadcitycert4@gmail.com. We have discontinued the quadcitycert@cox.net address.



We shall never forget
We shall keep this day,
We shall keep the events and the tears
In our minds, our memory and our hearts
and take them with us as we carry on.
Unknown Author

CONTACT NUMBERS	FIRE Non-Emergency	POLICE Non-Emergency
Brooklyn Hts.	351-3542	741-1327
Independence	524-4001	524-1234
Seven Hills	524-3321	524-3911
Valley View	524-6469	524-9687

Important numbers for Quad City CERT!



We have a few more events before the end of the year as listed below. I hope you will join us during this last quarter - we would love to see you!

September 4	General Meeting @ Independence Civic Center
October 6	Chili Cook Off @ Seven Hills Recreation Center
October 12	Brooklyn Heights 5K Race / One Mile Walk
October 23	National Preparedness Day @ Independence Middle School
December 4	General Meeting @ Independence Civic Center



Be Ready! September is National Preparedness Month

Would you be ready if there were an emergency? Be prepared: assemble an emergency supply kit, make your emergency plans, stay informed, and get involved in helping your family, your business, and your community be ready for emergencies.

Throughout September there will be activities across the country to promote emergency preparedness. More than 3,000 organizations – national, regional, and local public and private organizations – are supporting emergency preparedness efforts and encouraging all Americans to take action.

September 2012 marks the ninth annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the US Department of Homeland Security. One goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks. During September, emergency preparedness will focus on:

- Home and family preparedness, including pets, older Americans, and individuals with disabilities and special needs ([Ready America](#))
- Back-to-school ([Ready Kids](#))
- Business preparedness ([Ready Business](#))
- Preparación en Español ([Listo America](#))
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In collaboration with the American Red Cross, CDC's Web site, [Emergency Preparedness and You](#) identifies and answers common questions about preparing for unexpected events, including:

- [Developing a family disaster plan](#)
- [Gathering emergency supplies](#)
- [Learning how to shelter in place](#)
- [Understanding quarantine and isolation](#)
- [Learning how to maintain a healthy state of mind](#)
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The [Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) offers additional information and resources under topics such as hurricane preparedness, extreme heat, and bioterrorism. CDC continually updates information on recent outbreaks and incidents, and lists emergency resources for the general public as well as for clinicians and public health professionals.

Get an Emergency Kit

If disaster strikes your community, you might not have access to food, water, or electricity for some time. By taking time now to prepare emergency water supplies, food supplies and a disaster supplies kit, you can provide for your entire family.

Review the items recommended for a [disaster supplies kit](#) or print the [Homeland Security Emergency Supply checklist](#).



Make an Emergency Plan

Make plans with your family and friends in case you're not together during an emergency. Discuss how you'll contact each other, where you'll meet, and what you'll do in different situations. Read how to develop a [family disaster plan](#) or fill out the [Homeland Security Family Emergency Plan](#).

Ask about planning at your workplace and your child's school or daycare center. The [US Department of Education](#) gives guidelines for school preparedness. Workers at small, medium, and large businesses should practice for emergencies of all kinds. See [Ready Business](#) for more information.

Be Informed

Being prepared means staying informed: Check all types of media – Web sites, newspapers, radio, TV, mobile and land phones – for global, national and local information. During an emergency, your local Emergency Management or Emergency Services office will give you information on such things as open shelters and evacuation orders. Check [Ready America](#) community and state information to learn about resources in your community.

More Information

- [CDC's Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)
- [Ready America campaign](#) (US Department of Homeland Security)
- [What's your Readiness Quotient?](#)
- [Preparedness e-Cards](#)