



QUAD CITY CERT

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Response Team**

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Quarterly General Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020



Wednesday, April 8th will be our next General Meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Fire Station instead of the Civic Center. Representatives from University Hospital will be offering training for the program, "CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed". Advanced registration is required so, if interested, please register with Mary Benedek, Director of Training, at kedenebm@hotmail.com or 216.447.1928 no later than April 1st. We will send out a reminder the week of March 23, 2020



- FEMA has released the updated 2019 new CERT curriculum materials for both participants and instructors. The basics are the same but a "Hands On" approach has been added. "Hands On" approach will include props, simulations, and conduct exercises during the CERT Basic Training Course. By providing props and items that CERT members may use in a response effort, individuals can become familiar with the feel of materials, proper use of equipment, and retain knowledge and tips. Currently, we have 14 participants using the new material.
- The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management now has a CERT Webpage. We are able to list any upcoming trainings and exercises. Feel free to visit at <https://ready.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/cert.aspx>
- General meeting attendance is down. We would like to hear from you on subjects or demonstrations that would be of interest. Please email Mary Benedek with your suggestions. kedenebm@hotmail.com

Information on the Coronavirus:

The Health Departments have an Emerging Pathogen Response Plan already in place. Here is information sent to us by the Planning Manager at the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management.

"CERT's involvement from a response aspect would likely be limited due to the protected nature of health information. However, they could be called upon to be a force multiplier in sharing information to their neighbors, community groups, etc.

Some great information is available from CDC on https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fguidance-business-response.html”

Census 101

The Census takes place every 10 years and strives to count everyone living in the United States. Information on how to take the survey online or on a paper form, to be completed March of 2020, will be sent to you from the County. The Census determines funding for programs like:

- Medicare
- SNAP/food stamps
- Head Start
- Special Education Grants

Questions see: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

Attention all parents and grandparents: Quad City CERT will be offering 4 scholarships to high school seniors from our QUAD cities of Seven Hills, Independence, Valley View and Brooklyn Heights this year. Please go to www.quadcitycert.com for information and an application. Please note that the application must be in by March 31, 2020.

The next general meeting will be:

June 10, 2020

Please mark your calendars for this evening.

Think Spring!!!!