

# North Carolina CERT Program

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## A Visit from FEMA

On February 12, the NC CERT Program and NCEM welcomed Mr. Terry Thomas from the Region IV office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Thomas traveled to Raleigh to brief several North Carolina CERT members on CERT activities at the national level. He also was eager to hear what North Carolina teams have been doing. Representatives from several teams across the state attended the one-day meeting, including: Apex, Carolina Preserve, Carolina Trace, Cary, Civil Air Patrol, Cumberland County, Durham, Lee County, Morrisville, Orange County, River Bend, and Rowan County.

Mr. Thomas assured the group that there is still plenty of support for CERT at the national level, even though programs have been challenged by recent reductions in Homeland Security grants. One thing that FEMA can do to help local teams is to provide free publications. (See next page for the order form to use for participant and instructor manuals.) *Note that these resources are only for CERTs that are registered with FEMA.* A list of registered teams can be found on line at [www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cc/CertIndex.do?reportsForState&cert=&state=NC](http://www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cc/CertIndex.do?reportsForState&cert=&state=NC) . If your team is not registered, contact Samantha Royster for assistance.

Additionally, a committee has been put together to plan a regional CERT meeting in the spring of 2016 in Alabama. The goal is that FEMA will be able to provide housing and meals for up to 20 individuals from each of the states in Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC and TN), leaving only the cost of travel for the states to bear. We will be researching a way to get 20 NC CERT members to the meeting at minimal cost, and will also come up with a way to choose those 20 individuals.

The group shared with Mr. Thomas information about the recent CERT activations at Hatteras Island and in Lee County and invited him to the June NC CERT Conference (see page three). They also outlined their plans to campaign for an NC license plate for CERT that would advertise individuals' involvement in the program and may offer a revenue stream for the program. The NCEM's Human Services Manager Abby Cameron and Grant Manager Greta Herring provided an overview of the NC Emergency Preparedness Initiative for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and discussed launching a pilot program to include these individuals in CERT.

Mr. Thomas e-mailed upon his return to Atlanta and expressed his pleasure with the "first-class treatment" he received in Raleigh, and said the whole experience was "exceptional." We will look forward to welcoming him to NC again this summer.



## CERT MANUAL ORDER FORM

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	P-925 S	<i>Spanish</i> —CERT Basic Training Manual <b>PARTICIPANT MANUAL</b>
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# Save the Date



## NC CERT Conference Being Planned

A conference for anyone involved in CERT—team members, emergency managers, sponsoring agencies, or those interested in learning more—is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13**, in Raleigh.

Registration is free, and lunch will be provided. Sign up on TERMS: <https://terms.ncem.org/TRS/courseDesc.do?sourcePage=courseSearch&cofId=90781>

The morning sessions will focus on incorporating individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) into CERT programs, and the afternoon will offer a variety of topics of interest to all involved with CERT. YOUR participation before and during the conference will ensure its success!

Please email Samantha Royster ([samantha.royster@ncdps.gov](mailto:samantha.royster@ncdps.gov)) to let her know what your CERT has been up to. Pictures are always appreciated!

### Next Regional Meeting

Several CERT members have expressed interest in rotating meeting locations so that more people can attend.

We would love to host meetings in the eastern and western parts of the state.

Would your group be interested in hosting the October 2015 or February 2016 meetings? Contact Samantha Royster.

## FREE online classes

*Have you been to the FEMA website?*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) currently has 186 classes available online — several which may interest CERT members. Generally, required courses for CERT include:

- IS-100.b, Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100;
- IS-200.b, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents; and
- IS-700.a, National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction. Y

The full list of courses can be found at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/>



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### Upcoming Trainings, Meetings & Exercises

April 25 & 26	Train-the-Trainer	Winston-Salem (Forsyth)
May 11—13	Basic Training Class	Flat Rock (Henderson)
May 14—16	Basic Training Class	Kinston (Lenoir)
May 15—17	Basic Training Class	Lewisville (Forsyth)
June 13	NC CERT Conference	Raleigh (Wake)
July 11	ApCaMo CERTEX	Cary (Wake)
July 23—25	Basic Training Class	Edenton (Chowan)

Want your classes, meetings or exercises listed here? Send them in!

Of course we're online!

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### ID BADGES AVAILABLE

The NC CERT Program can provide ID badges for all of your CERT members at no charge. These are hard plastic cards, similar to a NC Driver License. The individual's photo can be included, as well as your CERT or County logo. Contact Samantha Royster for details: [samantha.royster@ncdps.gov](mailto:samantha.royster@ncdps.gov)

## Show Your Pride in CERT!

If we can get 300 people to sign up for this license plate, we can all get them! Not only will we be spreading the word about CERT, but we can generate some revenue that can be used to support teams across North Carolina. The fee for the plate would be \$10 in addition to the regular plate fee of \$28 for private vehicles. If you choose a four-letter personalization, there is an additional charge of \$30 annually. Getting a new "specialty plate" is a long-term process. The paperwork will have to be submitted by February 2016, and we will need all 300 PAID applications by that time. If you would be interested in a plate, please contact Samantha Royster for a form.



This is a mock-up of what a license plate *might* look like. Personalization is an extra fee—most will have four random letters/numbers.