



Warren CERT eNews



Not if..... When Always Vigilant - Always Prepared

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Executive Board and is meant to give you the latest news and information from around the organization as well as further your capabilities in a disaster or emergency situation. - *Michael Riley*

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2018 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A look at the Event Counts:

Call-Outs Events 83

Call-Outs are Unplanned or Emergency Response events where CERT is activated by 911 dispatch or Police / Fire Administration. Traffic Accidents and Downed Wires are the most popular reason for Call-Outs.

Scheduled Events 34

Scheduled Events are planned events like Fireworks, Festivals, and Paper Shredding.

Training and Education Events 13

Training and Education in part consist of Safe Traffic Control, Downed Wire Safety, Basic CERT Class, First-Aid/CPR/AED, Disaster Preparedness, and Stop The Bleed.

Meetings and Administrative 25

Meetings and Administrative are member and executive board sessions to review past events, learn of new events, and plan the future of the CERT Team.

A look at the Hours

6436.25 Hours

Donated to the Residents and the City of Warren

Although the IRS does not assign or allow volunteer hours a dollar amount many state and federal entities do assign a value to volunteer hours.

According to todays rate of \$24.69 the CERT team has donated

\$160,648.80

**dollars worth of service to the City of Warren and it's
Residents and in 2018**

THE MONTH IN REVIEW - CALL OUTS, DEPLOYMENTS, AND EVENTS

December 1 2018	General Membership Meeting/Brunch
December 1 2018	Tree Lightning
December 16 2018	Exec Brd Meeting
December 17 2018	Multiple Down Wires 13/VanDyke (Buddy's Pizza
December 22 2018	First-Aid / CPR / AED
December 25 2018	Down Wire 11360 Dodge

535.5 Total Volunteer Hours

86 - Call-Out / Events

208 - Meeting / Training Hours

241.5 - Executive Board / Administrative / Education

Although the IRS does not assign or allow volunteer hours a dollar amount many state and federal entities do assign a value to volunteer hours.

According to todays rate of \$24.69 the CERT team has performed

\$13,366.08

dollars of service to the residents and city of Warren this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full details available at meetings, emails, and official CERT calendar

Sat Feb	2	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting
Fri Feb	8	18:00 - 21:00	Night to Shine Warren Woods Baptist Church
Sat Apr	6	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting
Sat Jun	1	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting
Sat Aug	3	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting
Sat Oct	5	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting
Sat Dec	7	09:00 - 19:00	General Membership Meeting / Family Appreciation Brunch

Unless otherwise indicated meetings will be held at
Warren Community Center 5460 Arden Ave, Warren, MI 48092

Watch the CERT Calendar for the latest location information and other training dates.

[Make sure you follow Warren CERT on Facebook & Twitter](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/wrncert/>

[@WarrenCERT](#)

CHECK THIS OUT

Special arrangements have been made for active Warren CERT members to join the Warren Community Center.



See an Executive Board member for details.

Minimum hours required!

A look at the pictures



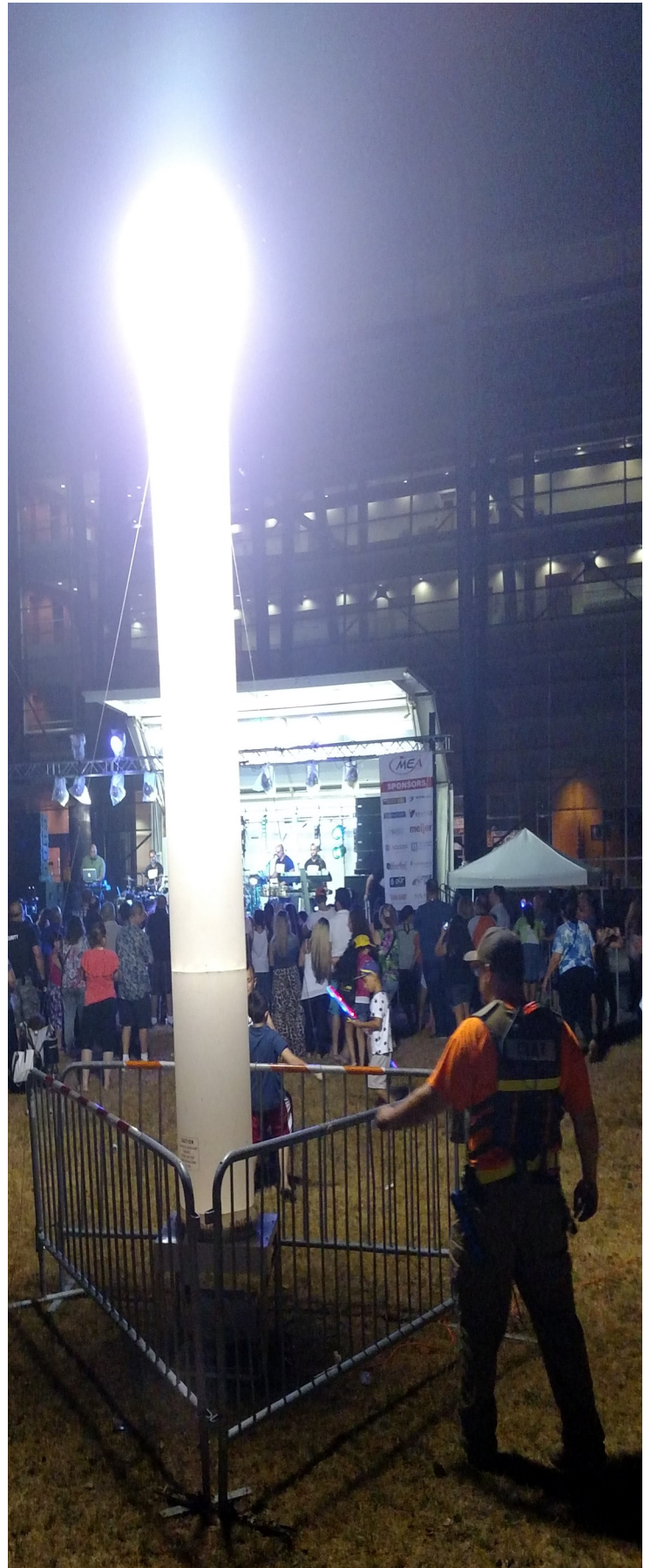
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8 THINGS THAT SHOULD BE IN YOUR EMERGENCY DISASTER KIT

BY 8LIST



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PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and is administered by Points of Light. Through a shared mission of inspiring more to answer the call to service, the President's Volunteer Service Award celebrates the impact we can all make in bettering our communities and our world.

As another level of recognition and acknowledgement for all the time volunteered by our members CERT has added the ability for members to qualify for the **President's Volunteer Service Award** or PVSA.

Please go to <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/register-vo> and create your own account. Each person must create your own account! To associate your account to the Warren CERT team you must reference our **Record of Service Key WBU-4628**

Every member should sign-up and start to log all your community service. You can list any service; it does not have to be directly related to CERT. As you can see below there are references to many different types of service.

Any community volunteer work is allowed to be added for review. Any other groups or teams you volunteer can be submitted for consideration. For example RACES/ARES, Ducks Ltd., any city commissions, Red Cross, any non-compensated training you do or work you perform may be submitted.



PVSA Lifetime Achievement Recipients



Director Michael Riley
Coordinator Ron Mesic
Mayor James Fouts

Coordinator Jo Ann Christian
Dep-Director Michael Rose II

Gold Award Recipients



Coordinator Michael Slupinski
Member Jewel Greer

Dep-Director Karen Carrier
Coordinator Rex Marshall

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD 2018 RECIPIENTS

Silver Award Recipients



Member Robert Fringer Coordinator Sandy Jones Member Alex Ionescu
Member Greg Donahue Member Roger Gregor
Coordinator Ryan Prouse Coordinator Eric Bordeaux

Bronze Award Recipients



Member Chuck Stanko Member Krystal Legendre
Coordinator Angela Middleswart Member Cody Birchall
Member Patrick McGinty Member Bill Legendre

LED SAFETY FLARES

The executive board has made a large purchase of LED Flares and will be handing some out to the members who have worked the most traffic call-outs. We will also be selling some, at a reduced rate to all members.*

We will be selling the LED Flares to members for \$5.00 per unit. This is approx. one third off of regular retail.

The first order has arrived and these are 3 packs with a carrying bag. The cost will be \$15.00 per 3pack. No splitting of packs permitted. We have other flares coming that are individual and those will be sold one at a time.



* Sales will be based on participation priority! Other restrictions may apply. Subsequent orders will be over the next few months.

4 TIPS

FOR A SAFE COMMUTE IN WINTER WEATHER



1 Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.



2 Clear off all the snow and ice from the outside of your vehicle.

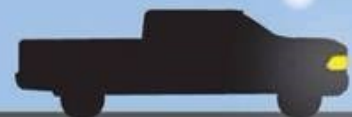
Don't forget mirrors, windows, lights and both windshields.

3 Turn on your vehicle's headlights before getting out on the road.

While we're talking about lights, don't forget to use your turn signals, too.



4 Allow more room between you and the vehicle in front of you.



CERT POLICIES MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

Warren CERT ID and Lanyard can ONLY be worn when activated as Warren CERT and must NOT be visible when stored in your vehicle. Do not keep lanyards in your cup holders, hanging from your rear view mirror, or other obvious place. You need to assure it does not get stolen or is used to misrepresent the team.

When deployed on Warren CERT events, logos and ID's from any other agency's cannot be worn. This includes, but is not limited to Badges (Security, Hospital, Work, etc.), Shirts or uniforms with logos of other agencies (Police, Sheriff, Fire, Ambulance, Security, even other CERT teams). Displaying multiple identifying marks causes confusion and can possibly place you in unwanted and dangerous circumstances.

Under no circumstances should you self-deploy!! IF YOU SELF-DEPLOY AND ARE INJURED YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN! IF YOU SELF-DEPLOY AND ARE INJURED YOU ARE NOT COVERED BY THE CITY! If you decide to offer assistance without being called out by during a city sanctioned event you are doing so as a civilian and assume all responsibility.

You are authorized to use your red warning light while on official CERT call-outs or events and when you are using it according to CERT guidelines. You must be stationary while it is in use. You are only authorized to use it while in the city of Warren. Your light should not be visible outside of the city

Warren CERT has a Chain of Command and every member is subject to follow it. If you ever have any questions or problems bring it to your executive board. No member will email or call a city official concerning a CERT topic without having gone thru the executive board or Emergency Manager.

Under no circumstances should any member attempt to approach or attempt to move any downed wire!

All safety policies and procedures must be followed at all times.

All members, at all times, must exhibit professionalism.

No smoking, indecent or lewd behavior or discussion will be tolerated.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION FROM THE CERT TEAM OR CRIMINAL CHARGES.

IMPORTANT INFO

Remember to call 586-960-5315 and leave your name, time arrived, time departed, and what scene or event your calling about!

Please like our Facebook page [Facebook.com/wrncert](https://www.facebook.com/wrncert)

**Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors, about CERT.
We're always looking for good people.**

[Apply at warrencert.org](http://warrencert.org)

Make sure you continue to receive this eLetter and are signed up to the electronic version of the official CERT calendar.

[Check your texcom.com info to assure its current!](http://texcom.com)

Warren CERT Call-Out Procedures

Warren CERT uses Texcom.com as its primary dispatch and notification system.

All CERT members must be registered with Texcom with SMS (texting) and email. *An exception is allowed for members that do not use texting or email.*

When a call out request is received from an official source the on-duty CERT dispatcher will immediately relay the help request to the members via texcom using text messages and email.

Every message will contain specific details on how to contact dispatch and respond to requests.

Responding parties must respond as detailed in the message.

A request may advise to **call** "Dispatcher Name" at 586-xxx-xxxx.

In this case as stated **call** the dispatcher and advise of availability and interest in responding.

A request may advise to **text** to "Dispatcher Name" at 586-xxx-xxxx.

In this case you must enter the number into your texting/messaging program and enter your response to the dispatcher.

Do not reply to the message you received, it does not go to the dispatcher!

Do not call if the Texcom message states to text to respond!

In all cases, include **your First and Last name** in the response.

The dispatcher will advise of any new updates to the call, information too large to type into the Texcom message, or of a sensitive nature that can't be openly distributed.

The dispatcher may also advise of a CERT Member in Charge (CIC) in charge of the call-out as well as names of other responding members and any preliminary instructions or recommended equipment.

All responding members must report directly to the CIC and follow their directions. With the exception of emergency first aid, members are not to begin response unless directed by Warren CERT. With the exception of emergency conditions members are not to leave the response without checking out with the CIC.

New members will also be advised that they are not to perform any action until the CIC arrives, new members must wait on the side lines, in safe location until given instructions by the CIC or dispatcher.

No member will respond to a call until they have checked in with dispatch!

In all references in the above to dispatcher it refers to the CERT dispatcher, under normal circumstances no contact will be made directly to Warren PD 911 dispatch!

Should a situation or problem develop on a call-out notify CIC immediately. If an emergency develops and CIC is unresponsive or incapacitated notify then notify Warren PD dispatch

Check and update your texcom.com information occasionally. Phone numbers and email addresses do change.

do 1 thing

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don't know where to start, so they never start at all. With Do 1 Thing you can take small steps that make a big difference in an emergency.

Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

Warren CERT is proud to be a partner with do 1 thing. Every month we will be showcasing some of the information from do 1 thing for Individuals and Business's.

Individual:

First Aid

Goal for December: Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.

An emergency can happen at any time and any place. Many public places have a first aid kit, oxygen, or an AED (automated external defibrillator) to treat people. These items can only save lives if someone knows how to use them. Actions you take in the first few minutes after an injury or other medical incident may save someone's life.

Tasks

First Aid: Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

First Aid: Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car.

First Aid: Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/first-aid>

Business:

Recovery

Goal for Step 12: create a plan that will help you make sound decisions about the future of your business after a disaster.

Major disasters change communities forever. Shopping patterns, income levels, and demographics may be permanently affected. Skilled employees may leave the community and no longer be available. Business owners must be prepared to make difficult decisions about location, staff, operations, and whether to reopen at all. Laying the groundwork ahead of time can make it easier to make sound decisions after a disaster.

Recovery: Make a checklist of considerations for getting back into business if your facility is damaged.

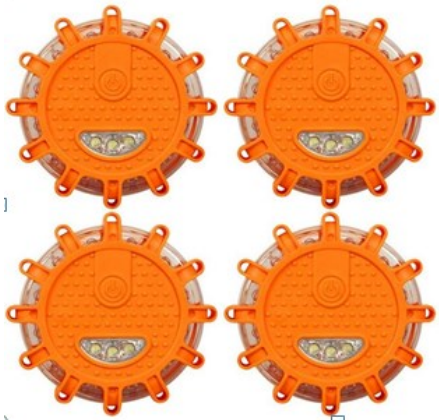
Recovery: Make a plan for post-disaster staff support.

Recovery: Make a checklist of considerations to help you make decisions about the future if your business is affected by disaster.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/recovery>

Thank You to do1thing <http://do1thing.com/>
A Warren CERT Partner

LED Safety Flares

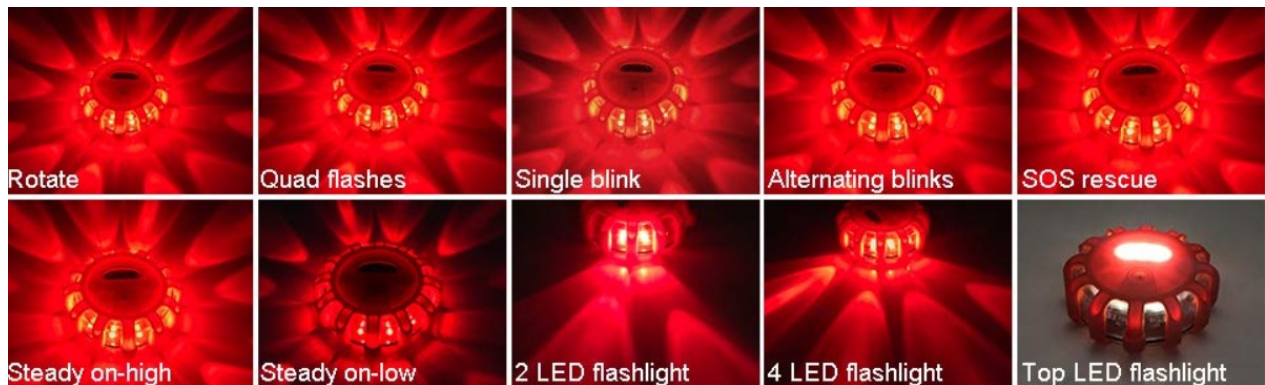


There are many “tools” used by CERT teams for safety and warning in dangerous situations. LED Safety Flares are one of the most versatile and affordable devices available and everyone should stock up.

LED road flares are perfect for vehicle breakdowns and accidents. With visibility of up to one mile and run times of up to 60 hours, LED safety flares help to protect drivers and vehicles in any road-side emergency situation. Different lights offer different flash patterns but the normal is 6 to 10 modes.

The LED road flares are shatterproof, crushproof, and rainproof and offer superior visibility.

There are numerous sources of these flares and many versions of them are available. As far as power there are 2 main options; 1) Battery Powered and 2) Rechargeable.



[Haylo LED Safety Flare](#)

[LED Safety Flare](#)

[LED Safety Flare run over by a JEEP](#)

[LED Emergency Safety Flare Light](#)

[Wagan FRED LED Flare vs FlareAlert LED Emergency Flares](#)

Shop carefully and be aware of device quality and price. On the average each beacon costs \$8-\$10 and can be found in kits of 4 to 6 beacons. The rechargeable packs usually have 6 in the case and charge while in storage.