



# 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.

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## URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE MARKINGS

**As a CERT volunteer you may need to know this symbol and how to use it.**



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## PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD (PVSA)

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.



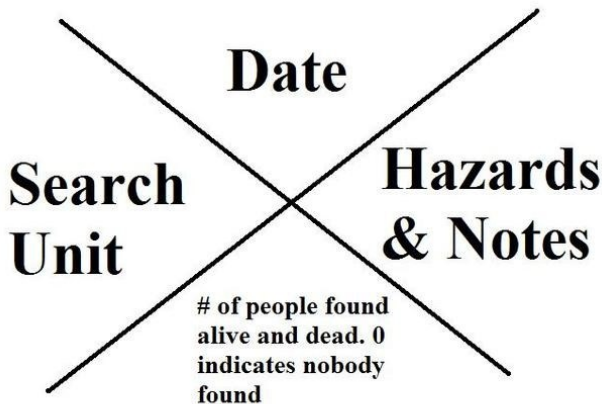
Please go to <https://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/register-vo> and create your own account. Each person must create your own account! To associate your account to the Warren CERT team you must reference our Record of Service Key WBU-4628

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 commission, etc. Any non-compensated training you do or volunteer work you perform may be submitted.

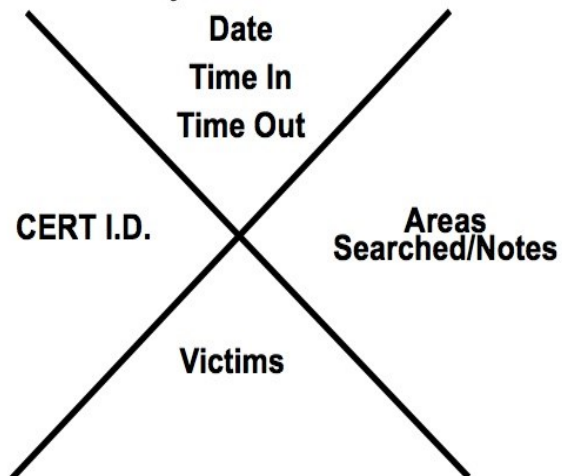
## URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE MARKINGS

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### Search and Rescue "X-code"



These markings are sprayed on buildings to give rescuers the status of the building and results of its search.



<p><b>Tx</b> Texas National Guard</p> <p><b>1-186</b> 1st Battalion of the 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard</p> <p><b>D-Mor</b> Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team</p> <p><b>E/82</b> E Troop, 82nd Cavalry, Oregon National Guard</p> <p><b>TFW</b> Task Force Wildcat, West Virginia National Guard</p> <p><b>3-505</b> Alpha Co., Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division</p> <p><b>MAC</b> Medford Alpha Company, 1st Battalion of the 186th Infantry, Oregon National Guard</p> <p><b>1-148</b> 1st Battalion of the 148th Infantry, Ohio National Guard</p>	<p><b>NOPD</b> New Orleans Police Department</p> <p><b>Ca or CaTF</b> California National Guard Task Force</p> <p><b>LSP</b> Louisiana State Police</p> <p><b>DEA</b> Drug Enforcement Administration</p> <p><b>DOA</b> Dead on Arrival</p>	<p><b>9 - 8</b> September 8th, 2005</p> <p>Time and date that rescue team left structure</p> <p><b>Rescue team identifier</b></p> <p>Number of live and dead victims found in the structure</p>	<p><b>NE</b> No Entry</p> <p><b>RATS</b></p> <p><b>EXT or EX</b> Exterior Surveyed</p> <p><b>F/W</b> Food or Water</p> <p><b>Ø</b> No Bodies Found</p> <p><b>DB</b> Dead Bodies Found</p>
<p><b>LB</b> Live Bodies Found</p>	<p><b>0-0</b> No Survivors, No Corpses</p>	<p><b>0</b> No Survivors, No Corpses</p>	<p><b>0</b> No Survivors, No Corpses</p>

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

May 6 Shelter Training  
May 8 Police Memorial Ceremony  
May 16 Leasons Fundraiser  
May 28 Warren Garage Sale

**Approx 140 Hours - Call-Out & Meeting/Training Hours**  
52 Hours Executive Board / Administrative

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

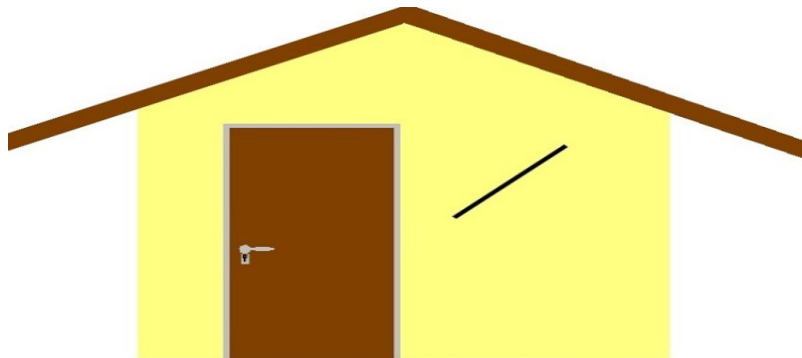
Sat Jun 3rd 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
Mon Jun 5th 17:30 - 22:00 Warren Tower Graduation Ceremony  
Tue June 20 16:00 to 20:00 Leason's Fundraiser  
Tue July 18 16:00 to 20:00 Leason's Fundraiser  
Sat Aug 5th 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
TBD Aug Full Scale Exercise - In planning  
Tue Aug 15 16:00 20:00 Leason's Fundraiser  
Thu Aug 24th - Sun Aug 27th - Warren Birthday Bash (Details to be added)  
Tue Sep.19 16:00 to 20:00 Leason's Fundraiser  
Sat Sep 23rd 08:30 - 14:30 Animal Welfare Fall Clinic  
Sat Sep 30th 10:30 - 12:30 - Fitzgerald HS Homecoming Parade  
Sat Oct 7th 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
Tue Oct. 17 16:00 to 20:00 Leason's Fundraiser  
Sat Oct 21st Harvest Treat (Details to be added)  
Sat Dec 2nd 09:00 - 13:00 CERT Family Appreciation Breakfast  
Sat Dec 2nd 17:00 - 20:00 Tree Lightning Ceremony

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> Single Slash: This means that responders have gone inside and that a building search is in progress. This helps reduce duplication of search effort, and lets other responders know where their teams are searching.



**Indicates rescuer location and prevents duplication of effort**

> X with Writing in Quadrants: This means that a search has been completed.

**Top Quadrant:**

Time and date search team left the building.

Date & time that task force exited

**8 SEPT 03  
0030 HR**

**Left Quadrant:**

Task force identifier

**AZ-1**

**BIO  
HAZ**

Personal hazards

Search team's identifier. Usually a short acronym or ID number.

**Right Quadrant:**

List of hazards present

**2 LIVE**

Number of live and dead victims still inside

Crossing slash made as task force exits

First slash made when entering

**Bottom Quadrant:**

Number of survivors and bodies found. Usually noted in that order: 0/0 for no survivors and no corpses.

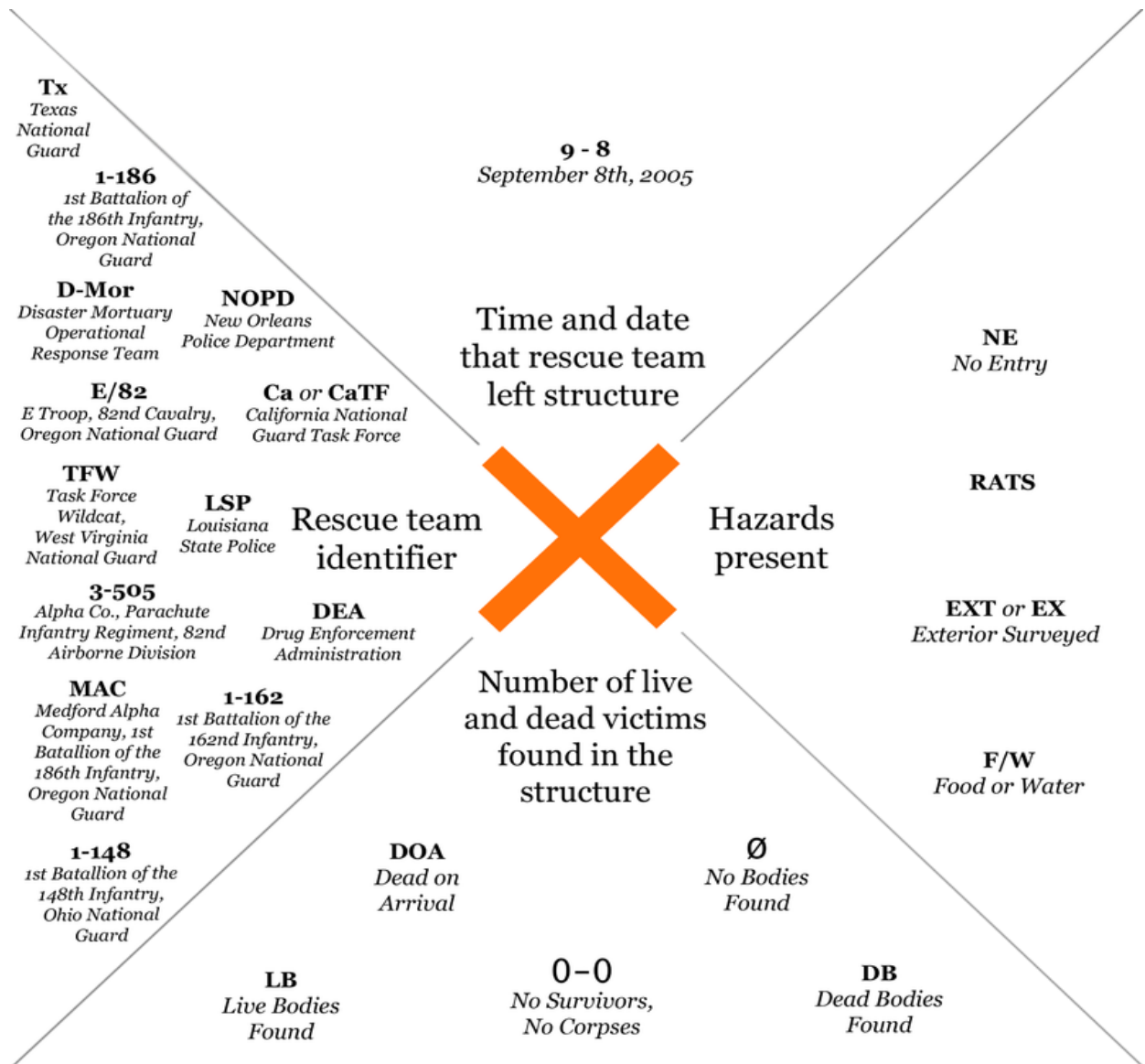
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## URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE MARKINGS

### Examples:



X with a Box around it:

This means Do Not Enter it is dangerous.



## FEMA Structure Markings

## CERT Door Marking

## How to read and understand FEMA structure markings

## EMERGENCY FOOD ITEMS THAT LAST

Did you know that with proper storage techniques certain foods can last for incredible long periods of time. Knowing which foods last indefinitely and how to store them are your keys to success.

The best way to store food for the long term is by using a multi-barrier system. A system that protects the food from natural elements such as moisture and sunlight, as well as from insect infestations.

Listed below are food items that are not only multi-purpose preps, but they can last a lifetime!

### **Honey**

Honey never really goes bad. In a tomb in Egypt 3,000 years ago, honey was found and was still edible. If there are temperature fluctuations and sunlight, then the consistency and color can change. Many honey harvesters say that when honey crystallizes, then it can be re-heated and used just like fresh honey. Because of honey's low water content, microorganisms do not like the environment.

*Uses: curing, baking, medicinal, wine/mead.*



### **Dried corn**

Essentially, dried corn can be substituted for any recipe that calls for fresh corn. Our ancestors began drying corn because of its short lived season. To extend the shelf life of corn, it has to be preserved by drying it out so it can be used later in the year.

*Uses: soups, cornmeal, livestock feed, hominy and grits, heating source.*



### **Sugar**

Life would be so boring without sugar. Much like salt, sugar is also prone to absorbing moisture, but this problem can be eradicated by adding some rice granules into the storage container.

*Uses: sweetener for beverages, breads, cakes, preservative, curing, gardening, insecticide.*

### **Salt**

Although salt is prone to absorbing moisture, its shelf life is indefinite. This indispensable mineral will be a valuable commodity in a long term disaster and will be an essential bartering item.

*Uses: curing, preservative, cooking, cleaning, medicinal, tanning hides.*



### **Baking Soda**

This multi-purpose prep is a must have for long term storage.

*Uses: teeth cleaner, household cleaner, dish cleaner, laundry detergent booster, leavening agent for baked goods, tar-nish remover.*

### **Wheat**

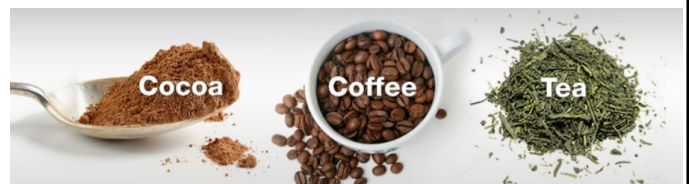
Wheat is a major part of the diet for over 1/3 of the world. This popular staple supplies 20% of daily calories to a majority of the world population. Besides being a high carbohydrate food, wheat contains valuable protein, minerals, and vitamins. Wheat protein, when balanced by other foods that supply certain amino acids such as lysine, is an efficient source of protein.

*Uses: baking, making alcohol, livestock feed, leavening agent.*

### **Instant Coffee, Tea, and Cocoa**

Adding these to your long term storage will not only add a variety to just drinking water, but will also lift morale. Instant coffee is high vacuum freeze dried, as long as it is not introduced to moisture, then it will last. Storage life for all teas and cocoas can be extended by using desiccant packets or oxygen absorbing packets, and by repackaging the items with a vacuum sealing.

*Uses: beverages, flavor additions to baked goods.*



### **Non-carbonated soft drinks**

Although many of us prefer carbonated beverages, over time the sugars break down and the drink flavor is altered. Non-carbonated beverages stand a longer test of time. And, as long as the bottles are stored in optimum conditions, they will last. Non-carbonated beverages include: vitamin water, Gatorade, juices, bottled water.

*Uses: beverages, flavor additions to baked goods.*

### **Rice**

Rice is a major staple item that preppers like to put away because it's a great source for calories, cheap and has a long shelf life. If properly stored this popular food staple can last 30 years or more.

*Uses: breakfast meal, addition to soups, side dishes, alternative to wheat flour.*



### **Bouillon**

Because bouillon products contain large amounts of salt, the product is preserved. However, over time, the taste of the bouillon could be altered. If storing bouillon cubes, it would be best repackage them using a food sealer or sealed in mylar bags.

*Uses: flavoring dishes.*

### **Powdered Milk**

Powdered milk can last indefinitely, however, it is advised to prolong it's shelf life by either re-packaging it for longer term storage, or placing it in the freezer. If the powdered milk develops an odor or has turned a yellowish tint, it's time to discard.

*Uses: beverage, dessert, ingredient for certain breads, addition to soup and baked goods.*

### **Beans**



Dried beans of all types store incredibly well for long periods of time, are easy to cook, nutritious and one of the few non-meat sources of protein around.

*Uses: An Inexpensive Protein Source, Beans are Very Versatile, Get Dinner on the Table Fast.*

*Bonus Benefit: Beans can fight cancer, can lower cholesterol, can help manage diabetes.*

## CERT POLICIES YOU 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.

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.

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION FROM THE CERT TEAM AND CODE VIOLATIONS.**

## IMPORTANT INFO

The Lincoln Park CERT class has been re-scheduled for June 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

**Remember 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.  
Were always looking for good people.

***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](http://texcom.com) info to assure its current!***

# 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:

### Unique Family Needs

**Goal for June:** Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs

Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

### Tasks:

**Unique Family Needs:** Talk with family members to identify your household's unique needs.

**Unique Family Need:** Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster.

**Unique Family Needs:** If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.

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

## Business:

### Key Personnel

**Goal for Step 6:** Identify your key personnel and make sure that at least one other person could step in and do their job in the event that they are not able to make it in

Whether you are a business with only a few employees or many employees, human capital is the heart of your business. Identifying the critical functions that your staff performs, and making sure that someone is available to do it, is a key part of surviving a disaster.

### Tasks

**Key Personnel:** Identify personnel who perform essential functions in your business.

**Key Personnel:** Create a succession plan.

**Key Personnel:** Cross-train employees in critical operation skills in case a key employee is unable to come to work

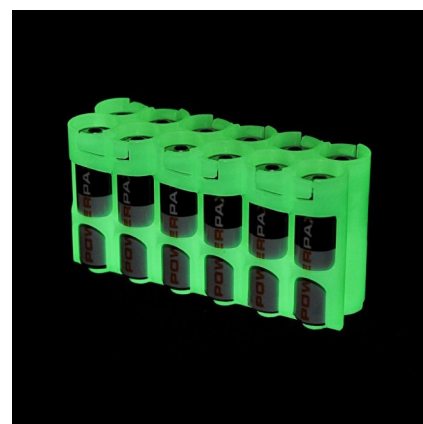
Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/personnel>

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## PRODUCTS PAGE

Being a geek and gadget person I'm (as well as many other CERT members) always looking for cool & useful stuff. I recently came across these which actually fit a need.

The Storacell Battery Caddy solves the problem of how to conveniently store your batteries in a compact and easy to find holder. Originally designed for pilots, the Battery Caddy is also great for photography, camping, travel or home use. The Battery Caddy is durable and break resistant and the slim and lightweight design makes it portable. There are no sharp edges to catch on clothing or bags. Storacell's patented locking system snaps batteries into place; batteries snap into place and remove easily. When ready to use, simply push the battery out with your thumb. Keep fresh batteries separate from used batteries by turning them in opposite directions.



The Storacell Battery Caddy provides the best terminal protection at both ends. Batteries left rolling around in a drawer, bag or container have the potential to cause a fire. 9V batteries can be a hazard if the double terminal comes in contact with metal objects; an electrical spark can be created causing a fire. The Battery Caddy is great for a variety of uses including outdoor activities, photography bags, emergency kits, by emergency responders and for home organization.

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### [Storacell Battery Caddy](#)

Gold Armour

Brightest Camping Lantern - LED Lantern (EMITS 300 LUMENS!) - Camping Equipment Gear Lights for Hiking, Emergencies, Hurricanes, Outages, Storms (Black, 4 Pack) \$20.99 Amazon Prime

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