



# 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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## SURVIVAL APPS YOU NEED NOW

We live in the era of technology when our Smartphones can be filled with useful apps that come in handy and can teach numerous skills.

It's not recommended to base your entire knowledge on a device as fragile as the smartphone though. It should be noted that after an EMP or some other apocalyptic event, your phone might not even work. A dead battery will render all this information useless! However, these apps are a convenient way to learn about survival whether you're sitting on the toilet or waiting in line at the store.

These apps will guarantee that your bug out bag, knots, skills and more are prepped, up-to-date and ready to fully sustain you during a major catastrophe or TEOTWAWKI. You'll now be able to have all these necessary tools and resources all at the touch of your fingertips.

**Some of these apps are free and some are paid. Review each carefully before making a purchase or downloading!**

### SAS Survival Guide

The SAS Survival Guide app very well could be the best and only app you would ever need while it covers everything from making fires and camps to foraging and surviving even in the most extreme of conditions with thoroughly written and detailed instructions and tutorials. It includes a number of tools such as the text-to-morse encoder and a sun compass. One of the best things about the SAS app is that it requires no internet connection to be used which means I can use this for when I really need it in SHTF situations.



## 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.

## SURVIVAL APPS YOU NEED NOW

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### Smart Compass

An excellent and easy to use compass for any survivalist, camper or hiker that doesn't want to constantly gaze down at his compass. The Smart Compass app allows you to follow with ease with its augmented reality display.

[Android Link](#) (not available in iOS)

### Wild Edibles App

Wild Edibles app will provide information on plants you locate in your area and their capability to provide for you as a source of food with over 200 wild plant's descriptions, photos and more. [iOS Link](#) [Android Link](#)



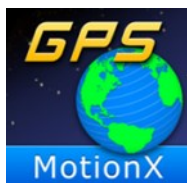
### First Aid by American Red Cross

Includes step-by-step instructions for common first aid skills along with example videos and interactive quizzes. Great way to brush up on your skills.

[Android Link](#) [iOS Link](#)

### Knots 3D

This app will teach you how to make any kind of knot with step-by-step 3D instructions. Learn about which knots are good for alternate situations as well as their strengths and weaknesses. [Android Link](#) [iOS Link](#)



### MotionX GPS

MotionX GPS allows you to download topographical maps *worldwide*. This tool will remove dependency on cell connectivity. [Android Link](#) [iOS Link](#)

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

Sat Feb 4 - General Membership Meeting  
Wed Feb 23 - Orientation  
Mon Feb 6th - Pick-up new barricades  
Fri Feb 24 17:40 - Downed Wire 18:36 Call for Add'l help 21:05 Stand Down  
Fri Feb 24 - Citizens Corp Conference - Day 1  
Sat Feb 25 12:45 - Downed Wire 13:30 All Clear  
Sat Feb 25 - Citizens Corp Conference - Day 2  
Sat Feb 26 - Orientation

***Thank you each and every member.***

***Your commitment to the CERT team and City of Warren is appreciated!***

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat Feb 4th 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
Fri Feb 24th & Sat Feb 25th Region 2 Citizens Corp Conference  
Sat March 4th—City of Warren Siren Test Checks  
March 30 19:30-21:00 Skywarn Training MacRay Marina RSVP 586-468-1900 ext 434  
Sat Apr 1st 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
April 1 10:00-11:30 Skywarn Training MISD NO RSVP listed  
Sat Apr 22nd 08:30 - 15:30 Animal Welfare Spring Clinic  
Sun May 28th & Mon Mar 29th Warren's Greatest Garage Sale (Details to be added)  
Sat Jun 3rd 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
Mon Jun 5th 17:00 - ??? Warren Tower Graduation Ceremony (Details to be added)  
Sat Aug 5th 09:00 - 13:00 General Membership Meeting  
Thu Aug 24th - Sun Aug 27th - Warren Birthday Bash (Details to be added)  
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  
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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## SURVIVAL APPS YOU NEED NOW

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### Emergency Radio / Scanner Radio (Police Scanner)

An Emergency Radio /Scanner app offers an extensive database of live police, EMS, fire, air traffic, train, NOAA weather, coast guard, HAM radio and other frequencies.

[Emergency Radio for iOS](#)

[Scanner Radio for Android](#)

### Army Survival Guide

This app comes straight out of the army's manuals. The Army Survival Guide app shows you survival techniques such as making a makeshift shelter, killing and dressing game, making your own soap and more.

[Android Link](#)

[iOS Link](#)



### MyNature Animal Tracks

MyNature Animal Tracks app is a comprehensive animal tracking app. It's compiled with a database for front and hind animal feet, track/gait patterns, scat identification, animal calls, range maps and more.

[Android Link](#) [iOS Link](#)

### Bug Out Bag Checklist App

For first time bug out bag preppers or those looking to refine/recheck their current system, the Bug Out Bag Checklist app is a perfect tool. The application will start by guiding you through the process of putting together your bug out bag while keeping inventory and expiration dates of your bug out bag's contents. The Bug Out Bag Checklist app will then alert you when an item is expiring or is needing to be replaced. This excellent tool and survival app will provide information on anything from medical supplies, shelters, food, clothing, hunting, communications and more.

[iOS Link](#)

[Android Link](#)



## FEMA

### FEMA's App

This free app comes from FEMA itself and has lots of useful features. You can even use your phone to report a disaster.

[Get FEMA app for Android](#)

[Get FEMA app for iOS](#)

**Cures A-Z** – The ultimate guide to natural remedies. This is a great way to educate yourself, and it could come in handy if you run out of medicine and can't find a doctor (at least for minor problems). Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Disaster Alert** – This provides a listing and interactive map of Active Hazards occurring around the globe. Additional hazard information can be viewed and shared. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**First Aid White Cross** – An easy to use application that will allow you to correctly handle an emergency situation. All the basic information you need for the correct handling of an emergency case is illustrated and shortly described. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Google Earth** – The perfect app for when you find yourself lost in the wilderness. After it finds your position via GPS, you can zoom out and find the nearest road, river, lake, or whatever else you're looking for. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**iTriage Health** – Created by two emergency room physicians to help people answer health questions such as "What do I have?" and "Where do I go?" Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Medicinal Herbs** – Medicinal plants, herbal remedies & natural supplements have always been a healthy source of life. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Pet First Aid** – Let's not forget about our pets. There are too many scenarios where veterinarians might be unavailable. This information in this app has saved many animals' lives. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Prep & Pantry** – Excellent way to keep track of your food and other pantry items' locations, quantities, and expiration dates. It even includes a bar code scanner to make it easier. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Radioactivity Counter** – Believe it or not, this will turn your phone into a geiger mueller Counter. The only extra hardware you need is black tape to cover the lens. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Spy Glass / Smart Compass** – Much more than just a compass. When you hold your phone up, the compass overlays real-time video. This way you can head in the direction of a landmark without constantly re-checking your compass. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Survival Guide** – Based on the [FM 21-76](#) U.S. Military Survival Manual. Works in portrait and landscape mode with zoom functionality so you can see the text and images. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**ViewRanger GPS** – Find your GPS mapped location even when the Internet is unavailable. With thousands of route guides and trails at your fingers, you will be able to find the best route. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

**Wild Edibles** – Helps you forage for food in the wild. Includes pictures and descriptions of over 150 edibles along with warnings of poisonous plants that look similar to edible ones. Links: [Apple iTunes](#), [Google Play](#)

## CERT POLICIES YOU NEED TO KNOW

Under no circumstances should you self-deploy!! 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 NOT COVERED BY THE CITY! If you are injured you will not be covered

You are authorized to use your red warning light while on an official CERT call-out and 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.

Use of police logo'd lanyard is authorized while on an active callout or bonafide CERT event or training.

ANY USE OUTSIDE OF ABOVE GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND MUNICIPAL CODE VIOLATIONS.

## IMPORTANT INFO

There is a new feature in this edition of Warren CERT's eLetter: A product page. This will be place to list equipment and supplies you may purchase that are beneficial in CERT Safety and Disaster preparedness. Keep an eye on this feature for cool, exciting, and needed products.

Please make sure you are getting the CERT calendar so you have the latest info on all our events and dates.

On behalf of myself and the executive board I would like to thank Commissioner Jere Green and Sgt. Kevin Borycz for the recent equipment supplied to CERT. CERT now has Level 3 safety vests and reflective traffic barricades to allow us to do our job better and safer.

***Thank You!***

Two of our executive board coordinators Mike Slupinski and Ron Mesic also volunteer with FIRST Robotics Competition. We call FIRST Robotics Competition the ultimate Sport for the Mind. High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have." Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand", hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors. It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get.

The Center Line robotics competition are being held March 10-11 at Center Line High School, 26300 Arsenal St Center Line, MI 48015. No admittance charge. If you are looking for something interesting check the cometon out.

**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 elec-***

# 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:

**Goal for February: Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter.**

In a disaster you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the excitement of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing. Know what to do to keep your family safe. Practice your tornado and fire safety plans. If your family has practiced, they will be more comfortable doing it when the emergency actually happens.

### Tasks:

**Sheltering:** Identify the best storm shelter in your home and practice getting to the shelter with your family.

**Sheltering:** Learn how to safely shelter in place.

**Sheltering:** Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering.

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

## Business:

**Goal for Step 3: Take steps before, during, and after a disaster to keep your business running, even if you and your employees can't get to your normal worksite**

If your facility is damaged, how will you continue to operate? Taking steps to protect your building and its contents ahead of time can get you back into your facility faster. Alternate worksites, telecommuting, even working from a vehicle are all potential solutions, but need planning ahead of time to make them successful

**Facilities:** Take steps to protect your building from hazards.

**Facilities:** Identify alternate worksites in the event that your building becomes unusable.

**Facilities:** Consider risk when choosing a new business location.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/audiences/business>

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

## PRODUCTS PAGE

At our recent CPR/AED/First-Aid class many of you voiced a interest in purchasing a CPR mask and supplies. I have scoured the Internet and found the following:

*First Aid Adult and Infant CPR Mask Combo Kit with 2 Valves - \$9.00 + Shipping*  
*Includes one Adult/Child mask, and one Infant Mask*  
*Includes Two Valves; nitrile gloves and 2 alcohol prep pads*  
*Soft Nylon Pouch Includes Clip & Belt Loop*



*CPR Fast Response Kit in Nylon Bag - \$15.00 + Shipping*  
*CPR Mask with One-Way Valve & O2 Inlet, Latex-free Nitrile Gloves,*  
*Alcohol Prep Pad(2pcs), EMT Scissor, Razor,*  
*Sterile Non-woven Gauze (4pcs),Instructions, carrying case.*

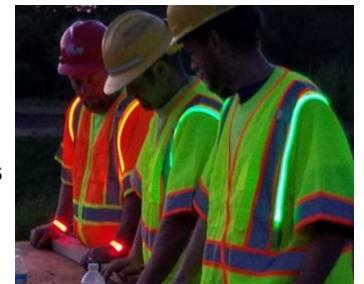


We also made an arraignments to purchase the Illuminated Rechargeable Strips as seen on member Rex Marshall on recent call-outs and shown at our appreciation breakfast at a 10% discount.



**\$24.95 - 10% + Shipping**

These strips are sold in 2's so they can be used on your existing safety vests, They have Velcro that adheres to fabric so there is no stitching required also has the option of double stick tape that will not release from fabric. The strips can be seen for up to a mile away and adds safety to night time operations. Rechargeable. Has 4 modes strobe, flash, on, and off.



**If anyone is interested in purchasing the above items let myself or one of the executive board members know and we will coordinate a group order. All items are C.O.D.**

### Water Storage



In looking for some water storage solutions for my self and checking out several food grade plastic barrel sources I came across a page called **ghbarrels.com**



Pricing starts a \$20.00 and they offer quantity discounts. Purchase of 8+ any barrels = \$5 off of each barrel. Black 63 gal have a further discount for qty 20+ = \$18ea (\$7 off)