



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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CIVIL WAR HOE CAKES

Hoe cakes were one of the basic foods for families and soldiers of the South during the war. Hoe cakes are cornmeal pancake, fried on the flat blade of a hoe over a fire.

Hoe cakes make for great survival food, since their ingredients are easy to find. And, you don't need complicated baking tools. All you need is a fire, a spatula, a skillet or shovel, and your two good hands.

- Corn meal
- Water
- Sugar
- Crushed hard bread
- Pork or bacon grease or egg, for the batter's consistency
- A clean field hoe, shovel, or cooking pan
- Spatula
- A small fire

Mix Hard Bread with Grease - Mix the crumbs of your hard bread with grease to make your batter.

Add Corn Meal - Corn meal is one of the most important parts of hoe cakes. This gives your cakes taste and nutritional value. So, make sure to include this ingredient.

Mix Ingredients - Use your spatula to stir your batter until the corn meal, hard bread, and grease mix well.

Add Water - Prepare a 1/3 cup of water, and pour it into your batter. If it's too dry, add a few tablespoons more.

Continue Mixing - After adding the water, continue mixing your ingredients together.

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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.

[Every member should log all your community service.](#)

CIVIL WAR HOE CAKES

Continued

Add Some Sugar - Add a few pinches of sugar to make your cakes sweeter and easier to eat. And, if you want some more flavor, add a few sprinkles of salt too.

Mix Well - After adding the sugar and salt, mix the batter until you get the right consistency. It should be firm and thick, but not too firm.

Compress the Dough - Take clumps of batter into your hands, and squeeze. This'll help improve the consistency of your hoe cakes. If the consistency doesn't seem right, too dry or wet add small amounts Water and Corn Meal.

Shape the Hoe Cakes - Shape your cakes into small circles that'll be easy to cook.

Pre-heat your Shovel/Skillet (pan) over a small fire or bed of coals. You'll know it's ready if you sprinkle some water over it, and it sizzles.

Place the Hoe Cakes on the Shovel/Skillet - You can add some vegetable oil or butter to make sure the hoe cakes don't stick.

Cook Both Sides of the Cakes - cook over an open fire, use a very clean hoe or cook on the flat bottom of a cast iron pan.

It'll take a few minutes for your hoe cakes to heat up and cook. So, always check their undersides to see if they've become golden brown and crispy. Once the first side is ready, flip your cakes to heat the other side.



Cook the hoe cakes until they are brown on each side.

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

[A modern day variation](#)

[Another new idea](#)



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

Apr 7	General Meeting
Apr 7	Siren# 3 Recheck
Apr 12	Traffic Lights Out 12/Ryan & 12/Dequindre
Apr 15	Executive Board Meeting
Apr 15	Major Storm 18 locations/events: 3799 Poplar 3782 Dallas 22832 Oaklane Bart & Warner Stolzenfeldt & Warner 32040 Van Dyke / A-1 Kabob 3310 Dallas upgraded @ to entire street 4065 Dallas 14894 Shirley 14901 Shirley 3656 Bart 13131 Bloomfield Safe 2296 Bart Methuen/Reba 2250 Reba Gilbert/ Newbern Studebaker Ave & Memphis Ave 8292 Meadow 3446 Common
Apr 16	(2nd / re-call) 32040 Van Dyke / A-1 Kabob
Apr 16	Training Committee
Apr 16	10/Mound Traffic Light Out
Apr 21	Animal Clinic
Apr 26	1175 Gerald Pole Burning
Apr 28	Brew Fest

502 Total Volunteer Hours

230.75 - Call-Out / Events

114 - Meeting / Training Hours

157.25 - Executive Board / Administrative / Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tue May 8	19:00-20:00	CERT Orientation	Warren Community Center
Fri May 18	16:00-20:00	Leason's Dairy Bar & Grill	CERT Fund Raiser
May 25, 26, 27		Basic CERT Class	
May 27, 28	10:00-17:00	Greatest Garage Sale	City Garage / Chase Bank
Sat Jun 2	09:00-13:00	General Membership Meeting	Warren Community Center
Mon Jun 4	18:00-21:00	Warren Woods Tower Graduation Ceremony	
Fri Jun 15	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Tue Jun 19	07:00-15:00	FSE Day 1	
Wed Jun 20	07:00-15:00	FSE Day 2	
Fri Jul 6	18:00-23:59	Hazel Park Fireworks	K-Mart 10 mile and Dequindre Tentative
Jul 13, 14, 15		Middle Eastern American Festival	City Square <u>Prism Lights Needed</u>
Jul 15	12:00-16:00	Oakland County Family Safety Day	Oakland County Fair Grounds
Fri Jul 20	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Jul 21	09:00-13:00	Document Shred Day	City Square
Sat Jul 28	09:00-12:00	Gas Hazards Awareness Training	Warren Community Center
Sat Aug 4	09:00-13:00	General Membership Meeting	Warren Community Center
Fri Aug 17	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Fri Aug 24	18:00-23:00	Birthday Bash Fireworks	VanDyke Ave
Fri Sep 14	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Sep 22	09:00-14:00	Fall Animal Clinic	
Sat Sep 29	12:00-18:00	Warren Octoberfest	Halmich Park
Sat Oct 6	09:00-13:00	General Membership Meeting	Warren Community Center
Fri Oct 19	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Oct 20	12:00-18:00	Harvest Treat	
Wed Oct 31	17:00-21:00	Halloween Candy Check	
Sat Dec 1	09:00-13:00	Family Appreciation Breakfast	
Sat Dec 1	17:00-20:00	Tree Lighting	City Square

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](#)

Basic CERT Class

May 25, 26, & 27

MUST ATTEND ALL 3 CLASSES!

Friday May 25th 18:00 to 21:00

Saturday May 26th 09:00 to 17:00

Sunday May 27th 09:00 to 17:00

CERT Backpacks will be issued to all Macomb County CERT Team members.

Class will be held at Warren Community Center
5460 Arden Ave, Warren, MI 48092

Class is open to all but priority will be for Warren CERT team members.

This is the required CERT class for your Warren CERT permanent ID.

All interested parties need to send an email to certclass@warrencert.org to get sign-up link.

Any questions email the above.

WHAT TO DO IF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS ARE OUT IN AN INTERSECTION



For many years if you watched or listened to the news, there would be the statement of “if the traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a 4 way stop”. Well recently that went from suggestion, to actual Michigan Traffic Law with Senate Bill 521.

That bill reads as follows:

Senate Bill 521 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to establish and clarify procedures for traffic flow when a traffic light is out of service or malfunctioning, for instance during a power failure.

Currently under the Vehicle Code, the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection has to yield the right of way to a vehicle that has entered the intersection from a different highway. When two vehicles enter an intersection from different highways at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left has to yield to the vehicle on the right.

The Bill would add that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal would have to do the following if the signal facing the driver had no colored lights or arrows, failed to clearly indicate the right of way, or was otherwise malfunctioning:

- **Stop.** The driver would have to stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if none, before entering a crosswalk or, if none, before entering the intersection.
- Yield the right of way to all vehicles in the intersection or approaching on an intersecting road, if those vehicles would be an immediate hazard while the driver was moving within or across the intersection.
- **Exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the intersection.**

The provisions proposed by the bill would not apply to either of the following:

- An intersection controlled by a traffic control signal that is flashing yellow unless certain events occur, including activation by an emergency vehicle.
- A traffic control signal located in a school zone that is flashing yellow only during prescribed periods of time.

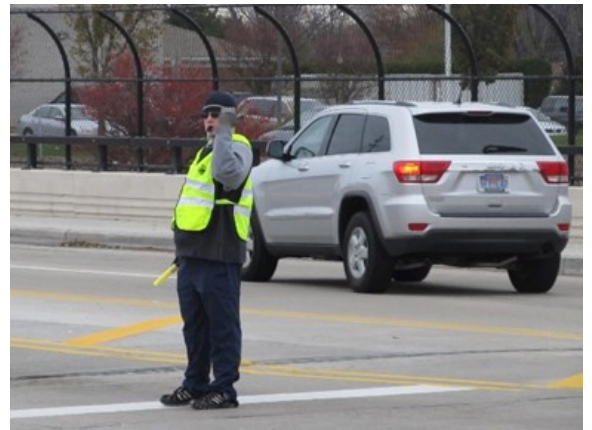
Senate Bill 521, changed the state law from treating dark intersections as right-of-way to a four-way stop. The law is supposed to make intersections safer, according to the lawmakers.

Well, what if the intersection is out and Police (or other departments) are out directing the flow of traffic? Slow down when approaching the intersection so you can react to their directions and use extreme caution when proceeding through the intersection.

The bottom line is if the lights are out, slow down, be prepared to stop, and if there is no traffic control being conducted, treat the intersection as a 4-way stop.

Senate Bill 521

By Michael Rose II



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3 MINUTE MICROWAVE JAM

I admit this is the furthest from a disaster or preparedness topic but sometimes the rabbit holes just take you places and you find something that just seems cool.

Ingredients

- 1 cup berries (raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, or a mix) rinsed
- 1/4 tsp corn starch

Instructions

- 1) Put the berries in a large glass bowl. If you are using blackberries and they are large, cut them in half. Toss the berries with the cornstarch.
- 2) Cover the bowl with a dinner plate, and microwave for 3 minutes. Give it a stir. If your jam is still very runny, pop it back into the microwave for 30 second intervals. Be careful, it will get quite hot.
- 3) Spoon the jam into a clean jar and let cool. Store in the refrigerator. The jam will firm up as it cools.



Because the batch of jam is so small, there is no need for sterilizing or processing. Simply jar the jam and store in the refrigerator for up to three weeks - if it lasts that long!! You can enjoy homemade jam without investing in the traditional jam-making requires that takes up valuable cupboard space. Micro-Mini jams can be made with tools you most likely already have and it only takes 3 minutes!

[Source Article Here](#)

[Variations on a theme 1](#)

[Variations on a theme 2](#)

B.O.B. (Bug Out Bag) CHECKLIST

Water

- 3Gal Per Person
- Stainless Steel Water Bottles
- Water Filtration Kit
- Water Purification Tablets
- Sillcock Key

Food

- Pot & Pan Cleaning Supplies
- Survival Fire Starter / Torches
- Portable Stove & Fuel
- MRE's
- Energy Bars

Shelter

- Heavy Duty Tarps / Ground Pads
- Lightweight/Compact Tent
- Sleeping Bags
- Duct Tape
- Bungee Cords
- Zip Ties

Clothing

- Change of Clothes
- Long-sleeved Shirt
- Underwear & Socks
- Wind / Waterproof Jacket / Poncho
- Boonie Cap / Bandana / Shemagh

Health

- iFak / First-Aid Kit / Suture Kit
- Tourniquet
- Bug Spray
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wet Wipes
- Toiletries
- OTC Medications
- Sunscreen

Tools

- Small Hatchet/Machete
- Sharpening Tools
- Foldable Saw
- Entrenching Tool / Shovel
- Multi-tool

Light/Heat

- LED Head Lamp
- Chem Lights / Cyalume Sticks
- LED Flash Lights
- Lighters
- Fire Starting Kits
- Magnifying Glass

Security

- Large Fixed Blade Knife
- Pocket Knives
- Pepper Spray
- Animal Repellent
- Extra Ammunition

Communication

- Amateur/Ham Radio
- Crank Generator Radio
- Solar Charger
- Charging Cables w/spares

Navigation

- Local Maps for all areas
- Compass
- Map Markers
- Notepads
- Hand Held GPS

Extras

- Batteries
- Duct Tape Rolls
- Plastic Bags
- N95 Face Mask
- Collapsible Fishing Pole
- Fishing Supplies
- Snare Wire
- Zip Ties
- 550 Para Cord
- Sewing Kit
- Personal Documents
- Compressed Expandable Towel
- SAS Survival Handbook
- Tooth Brushes
- Tampons
- Prescription and/or Sunglasses

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.

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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:

Work, School and Community

Goal for May: Make sure the people who count on you are prepared for a disaster.

Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

Tasks

- 1: Make sure emergency procedures are in place for your workplace or school.
- 2: Give emergency kits to people who count on you (college students, elderly parents, etc.).
- 3: Know how others in your community will respond in a disaster.

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

Business:

Vital Resources

Goal for Step 4: Make sure that vital resources are available, even when you can't get back to your site.

Records, systems and equipment are vital to the operation of your business. Could you continue to operate if you lost your customer or sales records? What about inventory or equipment? Identifying and protecting those resources ahead of time can save valuable time and money after a disaster, when replacements may be hard to find, if available at all.

Tasks

Vital Resources: Identify what records, systems, and equipment are necessary to continue essential functions in your business.

Vital Resources: Back up vital records and equipment off-site.

Vital Resources: Make a Go Kit for vital resources in case you have to evacuate your building.

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

Thank You to do1thing <http://do1thing.com/>

A Warren CERT Partner

PRODUCTS PAGE

waterBOB™
emergency drinking water storage



The waterBOB® is a water containment system that holds up to 100 gallons of fresh drinking water in any standard bathtub in the event of an emergency. Constructed of heavy duty food grade plastic, the waterBOB® keeps water fresh and clean for drinking, cooking, washing and flushing. Water stored in an open bathtub, with dirt, soap film and exposure to debris will spoil and become useless.

The waterBOB® is very easy to use. Simply lay the liner in any standard bathtub, attach the fill sock to the faucet and fill the bladder to capacity, which takes approximately 20 minutes. A siphon pump is included to easily dispense the water into jugs or pitchers. Never wait in line again to buy expensive bottled water! Be prepared with the waterBOB.

www.waterBOB.com

- > Fits any standard bathtub
- > Holds up to 100 gallons of water
- > Includes a pump to dispense water into jugs or pitchers
- > Constructed from heavy duty food grade approved plastic
- > Keeps water fresh and clean for up to 16 weeks
- > Water stored in an open bathtub is exposed to dirt and debris
- > Hook up to the bathtub faucet and fill in about 20 minutes
- > Designed for a one-time use and recyclable



[waterBOB Video](#)

- A person can live a month without food but only a few days without water.
- The average person uses over 140 gallons of water each day for drinking, bathing, laundry, dishes and watering lawns.
- According to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), in case of an emergency you should store at least one gallon of water per person per day and have at least a three-day supply.
- If you have pets, allow a minimum of gallon per day for each dog or cat.
- Contaminated water can cause such diseases as dysentery, typhoid and hepatitis.
- The Center for Disease Control receives over 4,000 cases each year of illness due to drinking contaminated water.
- If unsure about water, bringing it to a rolling boil for 1 minute will kill most organisms.

waterbob.com/instructions

Why is it called waterBOB*?
Water is what the liner holds; the BOB is short for "Bathtub Oblong Bladder"

Leason's

DAIRY BAR & GRILLE

FUNDRAISER

Come out and support Warren CERT

Fri	May 18	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Jun 15	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Jul 20	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Aug 17	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Sep 14	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Oct 19	4:00pm-8:00pm

Come support CERT and enjoy some awesome food & treats!

There may be surprise visits from Warren Police, Firefighters, and maybe even our new K9's and their Handlers

You might even meet some of the officers from our new Community Policing Unit

