



# 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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## WHAT IS CERT

"You are the help until help arrives," declares the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its call for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers.

The CERT program trains laypeople to assist professional first responders when a disaster strikes. These volunteers are a "force multiplier", taking care of tasks like checking homes after an evacuation or reporting dangerous events or areas as they're discovered. This helps the overworked professionals focus on more dangerous and critical tasks.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), using the model created by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERT's have been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their areas.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

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DAIRY BAR & GRILLE



## FUNDRAISER



**Come out and support Warren CERT**

<del>Fri</del>	<del>May 18</del>	<del>4:00pm-8:00pm</del>
<del>Fri</del>	<del>Jun 15</del>	<del>4:00pm-8:00pm</del>
<del>Fri</del>	<del>Jul 20</del>	<del>4:00pm-8:00pm</del>
<del>Fri</del>	<del>Aug 17</del>	<del>4:00pm-8:00pm</del>
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



The CERT concept includes all the likely actions a team or an individual may utilize in the aftermath of a disaster such as, search and rescue techniques, debris removal, first aid, small fire containment, etc.

To educate citizens to be better prepared to take care of themselves, family, friends, and neighbors in the event of a disaster of any type until trained emergency responders can arrive. To establish

CERT's mission is to do the most good for the greatest number of people by extending the capabilities of response organizations to minimize loss of life and damage to property. Our Goal is to prepare ourselves, our families, our neighbors, workplaces and our communities-at-large because disasters may overwhelm emergency response resources. Before a disaster, CERT will focus on emergency preparedness and hazard mitigation. In response to a disaster, CERT may operate directly, or assist responders, in activities to save or sustain lives and protect property. CERT will also strive to become known as a trusted volunteer resource that can actively support the response community in many ways, such as helping with community Safety Projects and preparing our neighborhoods and workplaces.

## **CERT Training will teach participants to:**

- \* Identify the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities
- \* Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster
- \* Identify and reduce potential hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- \* Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- \* Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- \* Conduct triage under simulated conditions
- \* Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- \* Select and set up a treatment area.
- \* Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
- \* Identify planning and size-up requirement for potential search and rescue situations.
- \* Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- \* Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
- \* Amateur Radio Emergency Services.
- \* To Provide Operational and Logistical Support to all Federal, Territorial, and Municipal Emergency services, Rescue Services, and Community aid services.
- \* Learn and understand disaster preparedness principles.
- \* Fire Safety.
- \* Disaster Medical Operations - Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries.
- \* Light Search and Rescue.
- \* Team Organization.
- \* Disaster Psychology
- \* Terrorism, Biological Weapons, and Weapons of Mass Destruction

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

08/01/2018	2609 Grace Down Wire
08/03/2018	Chicago/Mound Road Closure
08/04/2018	General membership Meeting
08/04/2018	Police & Fire Open House
08/04/2018	14353 Stephens Down Wire
08/06/2018	2806 John B Down Wire
08/11/2018	Boy Scout FSE
08/12/2018	Exec Brd Meeting
08/13/2018	Truck / Move Equipment
08/14/2018	4910 East 9 Mile Accident Scene
08/14/2018	New Member Orientation
08/17/2018	Leason's Fundraiser
08/19/2018	5K Race / Walk
08/24/2018	Birthday Bash Fireworks

**641.5 Total Volunteer Hours**

**325 - Call-Out / Events**

**113 - Meeting / Training Hours**

**203.5 - 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**

**\$15,838.63**

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 Ctr
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	Station 1
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](#)

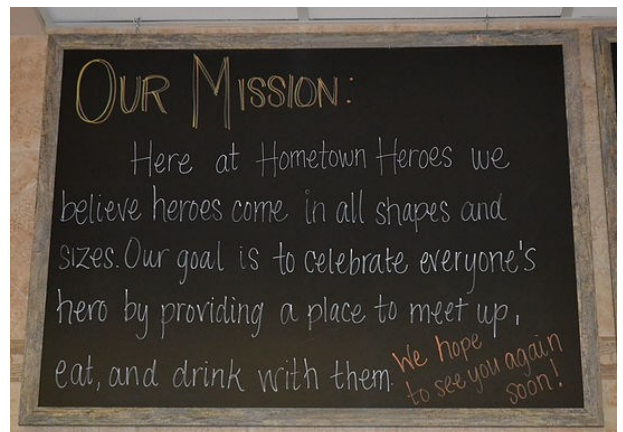
## CHECK THIS OUT

Sometimes you just need a good cup of coffee.... When that describes you there is an answer:

**Hometown Heroes**  
*Coffee and More* 

Coffee, Sandwiches, Soup. It's all good,  
check them out.

25029 Van Dyke Ave  
Center Line, MI 48015



Warren CERT is unique. Besides the traditional disaster preparedness and training Warren CERT members are trained in many other skills.

Warren CERT members are First Aid/CPR/AED trained, Traffic Management and Control, Downed Wires and Electrical Safety are some of the big ones.

Warren CERT members have also trained in Skywarn Weather Spotter, Amateur Radio (ham) licensing and operation, NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800, as well as many other modules.

Warren CERT has also trained in:

- > Active Shooter
- > Shelter and Food Safety
- > The Art of Persuasion (Verbal Judo)
- > Point Of Distribution
- > Anti-Terrorism Awareness
- > Identifying hazardous materials

**WHAT'S THAT SPIDER YOU ASK**

**SPIDER CHART**

**DEADLY & DANGEROUS**



FEMALE SYDNEY FUNNEL - WEB



MALE SYDNEY FUNNEL - WEB



RED - BACK



WHITE - TAIL SPIDER

NOTICE: MALE SPIDERS HAVE A SMALL ABDOMEN, LONGER LEGS & SWOLLEN PALPS

**TOXIC (POISONOUS - PAINFUL BITE)**



FEMALE MOUSE SPIDER



MALE MOUSE SPIDER



COMMON BLACK HOUSE SPIDER



WOLF SPIDER

WARNING: MOST OF THESE SPIDERS CAN BE DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE WITH ALLERGIES OR HYPER SENSITIVITIES

**THE "LOW RISK" SPIDERS**

SPIDERS CAN BE BENEFICIAL IN THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES & FLIES OUT IF THEY PRESENT A DANGER



FEMALE TRAP - DOOR



MALE TRAP - DOOR



GARDEN ORD-WEAVING



SAINT ANDREW'S CROSS



HUNTSMAN

## TARPS IN AN EMERGENCY

Most people have had occasion to use a tarp at some point to keep firewood dry, temporarily patch a leaky roof, or in some cases for shelter. But when SHTF, there are a variety of survival uses for a humble tarp. I've listed some of these uses below.

- > **Temporary Shelter** from sun and rain.
- > **Create a Windbreak** to protect yourself from extreme wind.
- > **Make a Stretcher** from your tarp to carry someone who is injured or ill back to your campsite or to get professional medical attention if available.
- > **Protect your Fire from rain or wind** when needed.
- > **Create a Hammock** out of a tarp for sleeping off the ground in wet conditions or if the ground is particularly rocky or overrun with insects.
- > **Add Extra Protection** over your makeshift tent or lean-to
- > **Carry Gear** with a pack made from a tarp if your backpack is broken or an injury prevents you from wearing it.
- > **Keep Firewood Dry** by covering it with a tarp until you are ready to use it.
- > **Collect Water** during a rainstorm or even from a nearby lake or creek by using a tarp to collect and carry the water if no other containers are available.
- > **Signal for Rescuers** by spreading a brightly colored tarp out on the ground if you are hurt or lost during a hike or other trip in a wilderness environment
- > **Use as a Temporary Rain Poncho** if you forget to pack yours.
- > **Repair Leaky Roof** by covering the damaged area with a heavy tarp until you can get the materials and time to properly repair the roof.
- > **Makeshift Hunting Blind** is yet another of the many survival uses for the humble tarp. If feasible, you can glue or otherwise attach leaves, sticks, and other foliage to your tarp to further camouflage it from your prey.
- > **Collect and Carry Firewood or Other Foraged Items** using any size tarp. Once you've collected your items on the tarp, you can pull by two of the corners or tie up the four corners into a makeshift bag that can be slung over your shoulder or attached to a sturdy branch or walking stick over your shoulder.
- > **Use as Camouflage for Your Campsite or Vehicle** using a multi-colored tarp that will blend in with your surroundings and make your campsite or vehicle less visible from passerby or looters on the road.
- > **Protect Your Garden** in a long-term survival situation from the heat of the sun or from a cold snap using a tarp stretched over the plants on poles or sticks. To protect from cold, weight the edges down using rocks or other heavy objects to hold the heat inside where the plants are.
- > **Trap Small Game** to supplement your food stockpile by using a sturdy tarp, camouflaged with sticks and leaves and placed over a deep hole .
- > **Carry Large Game** from the kill spot back to your campsite by placing it on a tarp and carrying it on your shoulder or attach a rope to the corner grommets and pull it behind you. Just make sure in a SHTF situation that you are covering any tracks you do make so as not to lead someone directly to your location.
- > **Solar Still.** Lightweight tarps can be very effective when used to make a solar still for distilling water prior to drinking.
- > **Backpack Rain Cover.** If nothing else is available, cut or fold a water-resistant tarp into a rain cover for your backpack to protect your gear during an unexpected rainstorm.
- > **Trap Body Heat** using a breathable, water resistant tarp as a temporary shelter or around your body. Make sure any tarp used to wrap yourself in has arctic flexibility to help prevent hypothermia.
- > **Cover or Repair a Broken Door or Window** that sustained damaged during a SHTF situation or natural disaster using a sturdy, tarp that is both water and mildew resistant.
- > **Cordage** is another of the plethora of survival uses for the humble tarp. Simply cut into strips to use as cordage to secure gear to a raft or your backpack or even to tie a second tarp to a tree to make a shelter. Braiding several strips together can add strength to the makeshift cordage if needed.
- > **Livestock Shelter** will be important during a SHTF or bug out situation. Just as you can use a tarp to create a makeshift shelter for yourself, you can use a second one to create a shelter for your livestock to shade them from sun or shelter them from a rain or snow storm.
- > **Privacy for Bathing/Showering and Other Personal Hygiene Needs** is another survival use for the tarp. Use a lightweight, breathable tarp that will let air and light into the area but still provide the privacy needed for showering, bathing, or other personal hygiene tasks.
- > **Help insulate the bottom of your tent** to protect from cold and damp conditions.
- > **Cover the ground to eat on** during a bug out trip.
- > **Hang food out of bear reach** in a tree using a tarp

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## TARPS IN AN EMERGENCY

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- > **Protect or Hide Gear or Equipment** from the elements but also from the obvious view of looters or passerby during a survival situation. Select a tarp that will naturally blend into your surroundings and if need be, add foliage, sticks, and other materials from nature to deepen the camouflage.
  - > **Make a Sail for a Raft** so you can use the power of available wind to move more quickly across a lake or pond in a bug out situation.
  - > **Use to insulate the ground** if you have to lay down to shoot or hunt
  - > **Shelter from Sun** is of course, one of the most common uses for the humble tarp. Simply stretch it out and tie it between a couple trees to create a shade awning as you take a break during a bug out or survival situation.
  - > **Make a Floatation Device** out of a tarp to get yourself or your gear safely across a creek or even a lake during a bug out or survival situation.
  - > **Use as a Room Divider** to separate sleeping areas in a small space.
  - > **Create a safe play area for kids** during a break on a bug out trip
  - > **Use to protect and/or camouflage your outdoor kitchen** in an extended survival situation.
  - > **DIY a basketball hoop for kids to toss a ball into** by putting a frame under your tarp or hanging in a tree and cutting a hole in it. Use a larger hole for younger kids and a smaller one for older kids.
  - > **Use a bed cover** to protect items in your pickup truck when hauling.
  - > **Create a game board** for checkers, pebbles toss or hopscotch to entertain kids and boost morale.
  - > **Use as a sled to carry young children** who are tired.
  - > **Make temporary protective clothing** by cutting and gluing or taping the tarp so it has sleeves and pant legs.
  - > **Create a makeshift pillow** by folding or rolling the tarp and putting it inside a pillowcase or garbage bag.
  - > **Hide a gun from potential intruders** by putting it within the creases of a folded tarp.
- Make a fish trap** by taping or tying the tarp into the right shape.

### Types of Tarps

If you don't have much experience using tarps, you may think one tarp is as good as another. But in truth, the type of tarp that you use is very important. Each type of tarp has different inherent qualities based on the type of material it is made from as well as additional qualities based on any added coatings by the manufacturer.

- Cloth
- Polyester
- Canvas
- Mesh
- Vinyl
- Polyethylene

There are a wide variety of additional materials that will come in handy to implement your survival uses for a tarp. The more of these materials you have on hand, the more flexible your tarp will become.

- ◆ Replacement Grommets in case a grommet gives way
- ◆ Tent Stakes to secure your tarp to the ground if needed.
- ◆ Paracord or Other Cordage
- ◆ Duct Tape or Tarp Tape to patch any unforeseen holes or rips in your tarp.

## WARREN CERT ESTABLISHES A BICYCLE UNIT

Warren CERT and its members have formed a Bicycle Unit to assist with events and deployments the team works for Traffic & Crowd management, Mobile Patrol & First Aid, and other duties. This newly formed unit current consists of 3 members: Deputy Director Michael Rose, and Members Krystal Legendre and Bill Legendre. Riding their own bikes they up-fitted, and donning uniforms & helmets they purchased, this team has been effective at several events so far this year! From patrolling Halmich park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to assisting with the 5K run in the city center, this unit's ability to move quickly, go off-road, and navigate through crowds has made the Warren CERT team as a whole more effective in their deployments.



"It is my belief that riding in the CERT Bike Patrol provides a high visibility for the unit in the community" says Mr. Legendre. "The bikes are able to move quicker than those on foot and more freely in areas that cars cannot" he adds. With these bikes fitted with First Aid supplies, extra equipment like batteries, spare radios, etc. we are able to react to the ever changing situations we may be faced with during deployments.

Warren CERT will be expanding this unit over the off season. Current members, and those looking to join the team to be a part of this unit will be notified of upcoming meetings and trainings for this unit over the winter and into the spring so the expanded unit can be ready to deploy with the warm weather in 2019.

To join the unit, members will have to provide a bicycle to use that is mechanically sound, pass a basic riding course, and provide the required PPE such as a riding helmet. Attendance to the meetings and trainings for this unit will also be a requirement, and will be held separate from our General Meetings. More information about this will be sent to our membership in the coming weeks/months.

If you are not a current member, and interested in joining Warren CERT, visit [www.warrencert.org](http://www.warrencert.org) to complete the online application. Warren CERT is open to residents of Warren and Centerline, and those who work in Warren.



## 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)***

## CANNING BUTTER

Whenever you find a sale on REAL butter, go ahead and stock up. You can freeze butter or you can home-can it. Canned butter lasts for years if the seals are secure and it's kept in a cool place. Always pressure can butter instead of water-bathing it. Butter is dairy and non-acidic so the water bath method will not stop botulism. Canning butter is so easy and the best type of jars to use are half-pint, wide-mouth jars. The wide mouth makes it easier to get the butter out of the jars and opening a half pint at a time is convenient for most families.

Cook time: 1 Hr 20 Min Prep time: 10 Min Serves: 10-12 Half Pints

Ingredients  
5 pkg butter

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

10-12 half pint jars, lids and rings, jar lifter and lid magnet or tongs, metal or plastic jar funnel, small dish of vinegar several clean cloths, pressure canner and some knowledge of its use, pot for melting and boiling the butter, a ladle, pan for heating lids.

### Directions

1. Oven – set to 250\* F – This is for heating the jars. You don't have to heat your jars in the oven, but if you use water, you will need to dry out the jars before adding the melted butter. That's kind of a pain, so put your jars on a baking sheet and put them in the oven set to 250°F for about 20 minutes before adding the butter.
2. Go ahead and put 3-4 inches of water in your pressure canner and bring up the heat.
3. Boiling butter: Put water in the pan to heat lid and rings, go ahead and bring the heat up under that as well. Put the butter in a heavy pot and melt it, bring it to a boil then reduce the heat to a simmer. Let the butter simmer for 10 minutes or so. You're evaporating some of the moisture from the butter and getting it good and hot. Be sure to stir it and don't allow any of the milk solids ( the little white particles) to burn and don't let it boil over!
4. Once everything is good and hot, carefully take the jars out of the oven. Place the jars right side up on a clean dish cloth and place the canning funnel in the jars one at a time and fill the jars with hot butter, leaving a 1/2" head space.
5. Using a clean cloth dipped in vinegar and then squeezed out, clean off the jar rims. Place lids and rings on each jar, tighten the rings just firmly but not hard.
6. Put the jars in the pressure canner that has 3-4 inches of hot water in it. I put in a couple of strategically placed clean dish cloths in case the little jars topple over. They can rattle against the sides and each other and break.
7. Half-pints of butter in the canner: Put the lid on the canner and fasten it down. Allow steam to flow out of the vent for about 10 minutes. Place the weight (at 10 pounds) or gauge (11 pounds) on the vent and when it reaches the correct pressure (when the weight begins to rattle) start timing.

### Canning Butter

8. Allow the pressure canner to chug along for 60 minutes for these half pints. After 60 minutes, take the canner off the heat and allow it to release its pressure naturally. You might hear the lids sealing while the jars are still in the canner, that's okay.
9. Once all the pressure is gone and you can safely open the canner, open it up and take the jars out of the canner. Place them on a clean towel to cool.
10. Because this is pressure canned, and the butter is subjected to high temperatures, you may see the milk solids clump together and fall to the bottom of the jar. That's OK! Just give your jars a shake as they cool to combine the solids and the liquids. As the butter solidifies, the solids will be dispersed throughout the liquids and it will look like you expect butter to look.
11. Check for seals after it cools. Store canned butter in a dark cool, dark place, (a cardboard box works great). If you want the butter to be firm, then refrigerate a jar before you open it. Whatever you don't use, just store in the fridge until you need it again.

NOTE: There is a lot of information available on this subject and you need to do your own research. Some sources state you cannot safely can butter. Others have recipes that have been handed down for generations.

I listed this recipe as the pressure canning technique seems to be the best way to obtain sustained high-heat to kill any bacteria and botulism. Heat in excess of 241° f is needed to completely kill botulism. Many recipes you will re-search work wonderfully at lower temps so say the authors.

Many authors site the fact that butter is pasteurized to begin with so that makes it inherently safer.

**Do your own homework!**

## 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](http://texcom.com) information occasionally. Phone numbers and email addresses do change.

# do 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:

### Be Informed

**Goal for September:** Make sure everyone in your household can receive, understand, and act on information received in an emergency.

Getting correct information during an emergency is the key to taking safe action. Someone in your household may not be able to receive, understand, or act on emergency information. Think about what special needs your household may have. Take action now to make sure everyone in your family will be safe in an emergency.

### Tasks

**Be Informed:** Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do when they hear emergency warnings.

**Be Informed:** Get a NOAA Emergency Alert Radio.

**Be Informed:** Make sure everyone in your household can communicate in a disaster.

**Read More:** <http://do1thing.com/topics/informed>

## Business:

### Personal Preparedness

**Goal for Step 9:** Increase the resiliency of your business by encouraging personal preparedness for your employees their families.

Making sure employees and their families are prepared can keep them safe when disaster strikes. Employees who feel that their families are protected will be more likely to come to work during and immediately after an event. When an employee's house and belongings survive a disaster, they are more likely to stay in the community afterwards

**Personal Preparedness:** Encourage your employees and their families to participate in Do 1 Thing's personal preparedness program

**Personal Preparedness:** If you have employees or regular customers with disabilities, take steps to ensure that they will be safe and informed in an emergency.

**Personal Preparedness:** Train your employees to be ready for emergencies at work.

**Read More:** <http://do1thing.com/topics/personal>

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# The Pocket Shot

The Pocket Shot is the evolution of the slingshot. Perfect for hunters and recreational use as its tiny size allows you to keep it in your pocket, tackle box, or backpack while storing ammo in its watertight compartment. Up to 350 feet per second, the Pocket Shot is not a toy. Created and built in the USA!



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