



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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LIGHTNING

Lightning
Do's and Don'ts

<p>Do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go Inside When You Hear Thunder or See Lightning! Find a Sturdy House, Building, Car With A Roof Stay Indoors For at Least 30 Minutes After You Last Hear Thunder 		<p>Don't</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retreat to Dugouts, Sheds, Pavilions, Picnic Shelters or Other Small Structures Use or Touch Electronics, Outlets, Corded Phones or Windows Go Under or Near Tall Trees, Swim or Be Near Water, Stand Near Metal Objects
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weather.gov/lightning

[National Weather Service Lightning Fatalities in 2019: 7](#)

[Lightning Safety When Working Outdoors](#)

[How People are Struck by Lightning](#)

[Analysis of Lightning Fatalities](#)

Lightning is **hotter** than the surface of the Sun and can reach temperatures around **50,000°F**

When Thunder Roars Go Indoors
weather.gov/lightning

[Lightning Safety Tips](#)

[Lightning: What You Need to Know](#)

[Lightning Myths and Facts](#)

EMERGENCY SUPPLY LIST / MAKE YOUR KIT!

When disaster strikes, immediate help will not be available. Every household should have an emergency kit with enough supplies to see you through three days following a natural disaster, health or manmade emergency.

Start out thinking about the basics of water, food, safety, warmth, & sanitation.

Water

Plastic, Glass, and Stainless Steel Containers made for storage.

Water Bladders

Water BOB

Pre-packaged Cans, Jugs, Cartons, and Bottles.

Food

Ready-to-eat canned fruits and vegetables.

Canned juices, milk, & soup.

Sugar, Salt, Pepper. All the desired staples.

High-energy foods (peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit & nuts)

Comfort foods (cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops)

Canned meats such as tuna, Chicken, & Sausage.

Drink mix, instant coffee, & tea.

Baby

Formula & Medications

Bottled water to mix with formula and to wash bottles

Bottles

Diapers, disposable wipes, & rash ointment

Bath towels, wash cloths, & blankets

Cotton swabs

Binkies and toys

Pets

Food, drinking water, bowls, cat litter/pan and can opener

Medications and veterinary immunization records

Sturdy leashes or carriers to transport pets safely

Towels & blankets

Current photos of you with your pets

Pet beds & toys

Emergency Supplies

Cash

Battery-operated radio and extra batteries

Cell phone & portable chargers & power bricks

Compass

Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils

Flashlight and extra batteries

Non-electric can opener

Paper and Pen/Pencil

Sterno cans, small grill

Toilet paper, towelettes

Personal hygiene items & feminine supplies

MAKE YOUR KIT!

First Aid Kit

Consider taking a first aid class, through the American Red Cross.

Things you should have:

Two pairs of Latex, or other sterile gloves (if you are allergic to Latex).

Sterile dressings to stop bleeding.

Cleansing agent/soap and antibiotic towelettes to disinfect.

Antibiotic ointment to prevent infection.

Burn ointment to prevent infection.

Adhesive bandages in a variety of sizes.

Eye wash solution to flush the eyes or as general decontaminant.

Thermometer

Scissors

Tweezers

Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant

Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever

Anti-diarrhea medication

Antacid (for upset stomach)

Laxative

Cold medications

Vitamins

Americans Need a Disaster Reality Check



BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT



*One gallon of water per person per day

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excuse given by Americans for not owning an **emergency kit** is that they expect first responders to come to their aid. This is an **unrealistic belief** in the wake of a major disaster.

The Chapman University Survey of American Fears 2015



CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

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

June, 1 2019	13 Mile Road Closure Fallen Tree
June, 1 2019	Roan/Pinto Fire
June 2, 2019	Trailer Equipment Move
June 3, 2019	WWT Graduation
June 5, 2019	Schoenherr MVA Fatal
June 8, 2019	Orientation
June 8, 2019	M53 Cruisue Traffic Parade
June 8, 2019	Center Line Fireworks
June 11, 2019	Bathtub FSE
June 14, 2019	Lights Out/Traffic 9 & Mound
June 16, 2019	Executive Board Meeting
June 18, 2019	Leason's Fundraiser
June 20, 2019	9 & Mound Accident
June 20, 2019	Bradner Down Wire

853.50 Total Volunteer Hours

616.25 - Call-Out / Events

25.5 - Meeting / Training Hours

211.75 - 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

\$21,072.92

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 Jul	13	17:00 - 23:00	MEA Festival
Sat Jul	14	17:00 - 22:00	MEA Festival
Sat Jul	20	09:00 - 13:00	Warren Shred Day
Sun Jul	21	12:00 - 16:00	Police & Fire Open House—Police Headquarters
Sat Aug	3	09:00 - 13:00	General Membership Meeting
Tue Aug	6	19:00	Ham Radio Test Hazel Park Radio Club
Thu Aug	8	07:00 - 15:00	Warren PD FSE
Tue Aug	20	16:00 - 20:00	Leason's Fundraiser
Sat Aug	24	18:00 - 23:00	Birthday Bash Fireworks
Tue Sep	17	16:00 - 20:00	Leason's Fundraiser
Sat Sep	21	08:30 - 14:30	Animal Welfare Clinic *Tenative
Tue Oct	1	19:00	Ham Radio Test Hazel Park Radio Club
Sat Oct	5	09:00 - 13:00	General Membership Meeting
Tue Oct	15	16:00 - 20:00	Leason's Fundraiser
Sat Oct	19	TBD	Trunk N Treat City Square
Tue Dec	3	19:00	Ham Radio Test Hazel Park Radio Club
Sat Dec	7	09:00 - 13:00	General Membership Meeting / Family Appreciation
Sat Dec	7	17:00 - 21:00	Tree Lightning

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](#)

**Do the math.... Deadly Injury > EMS Response = No Vital Signs
Get Trained!**



[Stop the Bleed](#)

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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.



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.

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:

Family Communication Plan

Goal for July: Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster.

Today we have more ways to speak with one another than ever before. We are used to staying in touch with cell phones, internet, and email, but disasters can change things. These devices may not be available. Cell phone towers quickly become overloaded with people trying to reach friends and family. If the power is out at your home, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work either.

Family Communication Plan: Have a phone with a cord and a car charger for your cell phone standing by in case of a power failure.

Family Communication Plan: Develop a plan for how your family will stay in touch during a disaster.

Family Communication Plan: Program In Case of Emergency (ICE) numbers into all family cell phones.

Read More: <https://do1thing.com/topics/communication>

Business:

Communication

Goal for Step 7: Develop strategies to communicate employees, suppliers, and customers during an emergency

Your business relies on good communication during normal operations. Communication is even more critical during a disaster or emergency. You must be able to get information about the event and to share information with staff, customers, and suppliers. Look at the ways that you communicate on a day to day basis and find ways to ensure that you can continue to communicate effectively when your business is affected by disaster

Communication: Determine what events might cause communication systems to fail, and take steps to minimize risk.

Communication: Ensure redundant systems are in place for key communication systems.

Communication: Create a communication plan that will allow you to reach your employees, suppliers, and key customers in the event of a disaster.

Read More: <https://do1thing.com/topics/biz-communication>

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

A Warren CERT Partner

PRODUCTS PAGE

At the membership meeting a while ago safe battery storage was discussed. As shown at the meeting here is a safe and functional means of storing your batteries.

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.

Storacell Battery Caddy



See them on Amazon

This one is on sale at Amazon