



# CERT CORNER

## Whitfield County CERT Newsletter

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“Without volunteers,  
we’d be a nation without  
a soul.”

-Rosalynn Carter

### 2022 Volunteer Registration

It’s that time of year again! If you’d like to turn your CERT knowledge into action return the volunteer registration packet to [cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com) by our next training on February 3rd. If you would rather pick a packet up to fill out they are available at the EMA office M-F 8 AM to 5 PM and will also be available at the next training.



### January Training

As promised at the end of last year, we added some new classes to the 2022 schedule. First up was Epilepsy Awareness Training with the Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee presented by Matthew Gidney. We all learned some invaluable information about an often misunderstood condition. Based on feedback from the members who were able to attend we will be hosting this class again. In the meantime if you know of anyone who is effected by epilepsy that may benefit from the foundation the contact we have is Matthew Gidney ([mgidney@epilepsy-setn.org](mailto:mgidney@epilepsy-setn.org)).



“Doing the greatest good, for the greatest number of people.”



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### Whitfield County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Calling all industry personnel– whether you are a business owner or a member of your employer’s safety team, our LEPC could use your input. We meet every other month to discuss different happenings centered around hazardous materials in our community. Our mission is to enhance the protection of the community and the environment from hazardous materials incidents and all other hazards through planning, preparation and communication between citizens, business, industry and government.

### Additional Training Opportunities

Whitfield County EMA has added some additional training opportunities to our schedule this year through Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). You will need to be signed up with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Training Registration System (TRS). If you are interested in any of these classes or have any questions about registration please let me know.



**May 10, 2022**  
Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness (AWR-312) TEEX

**June 14-15, 2022**  
Critical Asset Risk Management (MGT-315) TEEX

**June 16, 2022**  
Critical Infrastructure Resilience and Community Lifelines (MGT-414) TEEX



### Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations to Amy Ramsey on earning her certification as an International Association of Emergency Managers Certified Emergency Manager! This certification is a nationally and internationally recognized professional certification for emergency managers. She had to have 100 hours each in emergency management and general management training, pass a 100 question exam, six contributions to the profession, and a well rounded list of experiences in the field of Emergency Management.



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### Featured FEMA Independent Study Course– IS-904: Active Shooter Prevention: You Can Make a Difference

We all play a critical role and the choices you make will have lasting ramifications on you and those around you. This course focuses on the actions you can take to help reduce the likelihood of an active shooter incident in your workplace. While we can't prevent these incidents 100% of the time, we can reduce the likelihood of an incident and prevent some incidents from occurring, thereby saving lives. During this course, we will share tools and perspectives you may use to reduce the likelihood of an active shooter incident.

#### Course Objectives:

- \* Recognize indicators that someone is on pathway to violence, including the role that stressors play and the importance of addressing concerning behaviors
- \* Identify potential concerning behaviors, how to recognize them, and when to take appropriate action
- \* Identify common pre-attack indicators demonstrated by active shooters and how to recognize them
- \* Identify empathy and compassion techniques to reduce the likelihood an event will escalate into an active shooter incident
- \* Identify situations where professional help could be used to prevent an incident escalating into a violent situation
- \* Identify traits of a connected and supportive work environment
- \* Recognize the characteristics of productive conflict and destructive conflict



If you choose to take this class please make sure you send a copy of your certificate to [cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com).

## 2022 Schedule

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|-------------------|---------------|--|
| Thursday          | February 3    | Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)   |
| Thursday          | March 3       | Search and Rescue Medical Refresher  |
| Thursday          | April 28      | Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  |
| Wednesday         | April 20      | GA-191 EOC/ICS Interface (GEMA)  |
| Thursday          | May 5         | Damage Assessment  |
| Tuesday-Thursday  | May 24-26     | NIMS ICS 300- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents<br><b>(MUST HAVE GA-191 FIRST)</b>                    |
| Thursday          | June 2        | Disaster Psychology and Resiliency   |
| Thursday          | July 7        | Crisis Track   |
| Thursday          | August 4      | Points of Dispensing (PODS)  |
| Thursday          | September 1   | Traffic and Crowd Management   |
| Thursday          | October 6     | Moulage Basics (Fake Wounds)   |
| Tuesday-Wednesday | October 25-26 | NIMS ICS 400- Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff<br><b>(MUST HAVE GA-191 AND NIMS ICS 300 FIRST)</b> |
| Thursday          | November 3    | CPR  |
| Thursday          | December 8    | Christmas Party / End of Year Review   |

HAVE A STORY TO TELL? WERE YOU INVOLVED IN A CERT IN ACTION MOMENT? WERE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE FAMILY? DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A PROGRAM OR EARN A DEGREE? EMAIL [CBYRD@WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM](mailto:CBYRD@WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM) FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!