

***Danville Virginia Department of  
Emergency Management  
Citizens Corps. Council***



# In 2006 Danville CERT Members Volunteered.....



# 7,632 !!!!!!!!

## Volunteer Man Hours



This saved  
our city a  
minimum of

\$91,584.00  
in 2006



# Uniqueness of Danville's CERT Organization



- Danville's CERT Organization has been included as a Division itself within The City's Department of Emergency Services

CERT Command Staff are given pagers and radios to communicate with the EOC and are paged out on activations of the EOC.

The CERT Commanders have been assigned a desk for operations in the EOC. We have an emergency call up tote which has Quick contact information, Incident Command System 100-200, National Response Plan, National Incident Management System Courses, and necessary deployment forms inside in the event of a major event.

# CERT has been implemented into :

- Day Care Centers
- School System ( Most schools have a CERT trained teacher)  
Teachers Received Credits towards their Recertification for completing the CERT Course
- Churches – ( Through this the church's kitchens and life centers are available for sheltering)
- Businesses
- Industrial- ( Shorewood Packaging Corp. which has 12 locations world wide) A Corporate executive flew in to see the final exercise. A section of the factory was shut down to conduct the simulation. The plant manager chose to be a victim in the drill. Their CERT Team is now the first responder during a factory incident. CODE GREEN is their incident response code.
- 14 Area Teams each with a Team Captain, Lieutenant, Safety Officer, and Training Officer. Teams were created using the Map Grid system so they could expand out from the incident location as needed.
- Retirement Home Community

# Danville CERT utilizes ..

- CERT Bicycle Team- ( CERT members patrol the 12 mile walking trail assisting citizens making contact with first responders if an incident occurs.)
- CERT Trailer with a Mobile Command Post in the front, which is used during Events such as National Night Out assisting the Police Department.
- 6 Wheel Gator ATV with victim transport rack.
- After Danville Renovated a new Mobile Command Post the old one was given to CERT to be used as it's own Mobile Emergency Operations Center which becomes a
- Rehab Unit for extended First Responder Call outs. The Unit has CERT Tents inside and a self sustaining Field EOC.



# Close Media/ Public Relations

- Our local ABC News 13 Filmed a drill of ours for the 11 o'clock news.
- Danville's Channel 20 is an affiliate which has shown many segments on CERT. Including the latest state Tornado Drills in which CERT Commanders assisted Schools in reviewing and suggesting EOP changes after the Enterprise Incident.

Note: CERT Members are also trained in the National Weather Service's SKY WARN which teaches recognition of severe weather



# CERT Members assist with

- Animals in Disaster
- The Disabled
- Shelter Operations
- City's Recent HLS City Drill ( Command Staff was included in with all Local and State Entities involved in the planning / TTX/ and Full Exercise.) Members assisted Social Services in Shelter Ops., Disaster Psychology, Animals in Disaster, and were available for Disaster Medical Ops.)
- CERT Command Staff is in the LEPC.
- Ran the Mobile EOC at Danville's Annual Air show and were available for Mass Triage in the event of a crash.





# Cert has also assisted with..

- Recent Tornado Response ( CERT members assisted God's Pit Crew with Donation Collections and some traveled to Florida and Enterprise to assist at the Incident Sites. Enterprise now wants to ask us about setting up a CERT Program.
- Real Time Flood Assessment ( New Years day Flood)
- Assisted in the EOC for 2 Days during Tropical Storm Ernesto
- " VERIZON" Incident- CERT staged, Set up and ran the Mobile EOC when a large portion of the city lost 911 communications after a Major Phone line was cut. CERT went door to door checking on elderly/disabled and advised the citizens where to go in the event of a 911 emergency.
- CERT Commanders- Will be assisting in setting up the upcoming VEMA Conference in April.
- CERT will be Training the faculty and students at our Local Community College in May.



# Pearlie ( The Commander )

- This is Pearlie from the Heritage Towers Retirement Center. She has taken the course twice.
- She's the Boss every where she goes!!



# **CITY FUNDS**

## **Now ALLOCATED for CERT**

- The City of Danville has now chosen to allot funds in their General Budget for CERT because the CERT Grant Funds were not enough.

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