GT-CERT Council Involvement

We are looking forward to developing Georgia Tech’s CERT Program into an example for other communities and college campuses. We need you! There are many roles to be filled in our expanding program, including organizational, role-playing, and support positions. There are opportunities to be involved with drills and training in the areas of Damage Assessment, Moulage, Communications and HAM radio, Documentation, Shelter, Public Outreach, CPR/AED training, and more.

If you are interested in taking a more active position in GT-CERT, please contact Frank Stanley at frank.stanley@police.gatech.edu. We can use any type of expertise that you have to offer!

Reminder:

To participate in GT-CERT activities, you must fill out three forms. They are available on the GT-CERT website.

If you have not done so, please complete all forms and send them to Frank Stanley (GT mail code 0440) as soon as possible.

Training Opportunities

CERT training videos have been posted at the national CERT website:
www.citizencorps.gov/cert

Look for the May newsletter to see our next hosted training event!
**Workplace Safety**

Do you know what it takes to be safe in your work environment? All employees should take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their coworkers. With a few easy steps, you can improve your preparedness around work.

Work with your employer or coworkers to understand and review emergency procedures for your workplace. They should include what to do in case of fire, inclement or severe weather, power outage, or a security problem, such as an unauthorized person in the building. By having an established plan that is common knowledge, everyone will know their roles in an emergency situation. If your workplace has visitors, they are not likely to know emergency procedures, so they will need someone with knowledge of the building to lead them to safety.

Know the locations of your emergency exits, as well as safe areas in which you are sheltered during tornadoes or other severe weather. Encourage the idea of drilling for a severe weather event, as well as the posting of clear signs that indicate emergency exits, if they are not already in place. Locations of first aid kits and automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are also important.

List emergency phone numbers and information for the building near telephones. The building address, phone number, and local police and fire contact information should be included so that emergency services can be reached easily from any phone.

**Emergency Kits**

An emergency kit is an easy way to build your emergency preparedness. Emergencies can strike anywhere, including in the home, office, or your vehicle. Consider especially the recent snow in Atlanta, when much of the city was inaccessible and motorists were stranded in their cars. What would you need to respond to being without power for a few days? What if flooding or an accident left you trapped on a country road? Each of these different settings has specific needs, but a general emergency kit can lead to a much easier response. They can be especially helpful if they include items for day-to-day problems, like flashlights, jumper cables, and first aid supplies. It is important to ensure that all emergency supplies are up to date. Ointments and food go bad, and batteries lose their charge. Remember to check your emergency kit regularly and replace perishable items, to keep it in an easily accessible place, and to know what’s in it! The lists provided are not extensive, feel free to add what you think you will need.

**Vehicle Emergency Kit:**
- Extra fluids (brake fluid, oil, etc.)
- Jumper cables
- Tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdrivers, etc.)
- Spare fuses
- Fix-a-flat
- Flashlight
- Battery powered or roadside flares
- Granola bars or energy bars
- Water (for drinking or coolant)
- Tire gauge
- Duct tape
- First Aid Kit
- Maps of the area

**Home Emergency Kit:**
- Food and Water (1 gallon per person for three days)
- Can Opener
- Moist towelettes
- Hand crank radio
- Flashlight (and extra batteries)
- Tool Kit (including wrench for gas)
- Toilet Paper
- Bleach
- Garbage Bags
- Paper Towels
- Cooking/Eating Utensils
- Duct Tape
- First Aid Kit
- Matches
- Candles
- Work Gloves
- Safety Goggles
- Pocketknife

If you have any suggestions or would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please send them to frank.stanley@police.gatech.edu.
HAZMAT Drill

On March 22, the Georgia Tech Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) and the Georgia Tech Police Department hosted a large-scale hazardous materials drill to provide multiple agencies with practice for this complex response. In addition to Georgia Tech organizations including OEP, GTPD, Environmental Health and Safety, and Communications and Marketing, the drill also welcomed Atlanta Fire and Rescue, Airgas, and observers from AFCEMA, GEMA, and the Georgia National Guard. A special thanks goes out to Dani Denton, Nazia Zakir, and Jason Kraft, GT-CERT members who took roles in the drill to help make our campus more prepared.
CERT Graduates
If you have graduated from GT-CERT but have not completed a post training drill, please keep an eye out for upcoming drills we have planned for late spring and early summer. All graduates need to participate in a drill to complete their training. An email will be sent out soon with dates, times, and locations for the drills. Post-training drills allow you to practice the skills you learned in a realistic scenario. Our drills include practice of search and rescue, fire suppression, triage, and first aid. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cert Training Reminder
Pull the safety pin
Aim at the base of the fire
Squeeze the handle
Sweep from side to side

Important Links:
www.police.gatech.edu
www.alerts.gatech.edu
Facebook—Search “Georgia Tech Office of Emergency Preparedness” and “Georgia Tech Police”
www.citizencorps.gov/cert/
GT-CERT Website

The Georgia Tech Community Emergency Response team is a group of students, faculty and staff that can be called upon in the event of an emergency to act in a support role for the duration of emergency response. Our goal as CERT members is to help prepare ourselves and our for emergency situations by volunteering in all aspects of emergency preparation, including learning first aid and light search and rescue to act as first responders, and the distribution of literature to inform others of how they can prepare themselves. Through continued training and preparation we can do the most good for the greatest number of people.

CERT News

Training Update:
FEMA has recently updated the materials for CERT training, including terminology changes and new sections. We are currently reviewing the updates to provide our GT-CERT with a concise review of the changes made to the manual. If you would like to download a copy of the new manual, it can be found at the CERT national website:
www.citizencorp.gov

Do you have ideas for future GT-CERT events or training? We would love to hear from you! We are looking forward to getting CERT members involved in the planning of your CERT program. If you are interested in being part of the GT-CERT Council for planning and logistics, please contact Frank Stanley at frank.stanley@police.gatech.edu

Let us know what you’re doing! GT-CERT is always interested in community service opportunities!
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