

PRESS RELEASE – Monroe Community Emergency response Team (CERT)  
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Tired of same old, same old?? Want to try something new and different and useful?? Want to be helpful to yourself and your family and neighborhood and our community?

You could look into training for Monroe's Community Emergency Response Team, also known as CERT!!

You have seen us in action within our town -- at vaccine clinics, at our Memorial Day Parade as well as the 9/11 United Ride, at Wolfe Park for the concerts there and Monroe's Night at the Park. Now you can be part of the Team!

The Basic CERT Training involves approximately 20 hours of training covering a range of topics including emergencies involving disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical emergencies and other similar topics. One of the goals of CERT is to provide support for our first responders in the fire, police, and emergency medical services.

During the pandemic, a lot of that training has been virtual with a few sessions in person. In this new year, Monroe CERT is sponsoring an introductory meeting on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 235 Cutlers Farm Road to explain the current training process. Anyone interested in this training is invited to attend. Monroe CERT will be working with the other CERT programs in Fairfield County so there will be four virtual sessions on Wednesday evenings and three in-person sessions on Saturday mornings.

During the pandemic, we in CERT are doing everything possible to recognize the COVID guidelines and observe the appropriate precautions in our meetings and training.

For more information about this training you are invited to the meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center or you may contact David York who is the CERT Coordinator for our town at 203-650-8474 or [DYork@Monroect.gov](mailto:DYork@Monroect.gov)

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