

Official Press Release – September 29, 2025

Subject: Emergency Preparedness Training-Free

Want to help?? Want to be of some help to our community?? For a good introduction to the emergency services in our community you might consider a twenty-hour training program for our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)!!

The Department of Emergency Management for the Town of Monroe is announcing another training program for persons interested in being part of a local CERT. Training sessions will be held on two Friday evenings and two Saturdays in October and November. Most of the training sessions will be held at the Monroe Emergency Medical Service Headquarters, 54 Jockey Hollow Road.

This class is for you! Become trained to help your family, friends, neighbors and the community as you actively assist Monroe's Emergency Services during emergencies such as snow storms, floods or natural and man-made incidents. CERT Coordinator David York said that CERT has been instrumental in providing vaccine clinics to our community as well as assisting with all of the activities of our recent Bicentennial. CERT has also assisted our Monroe Police Department with traffic control at our Memorial Day Parades in addition to the United Ride which comes through our town.

CERT members have provided assistance to our first responders since they have been trained and are able to help Monroe Police, Fire, Volunteer Emergency Medical Services (VEMS) along with shelter personnel, as well as residents and neighbors when a disaster strikes.

These training sessions will be conducted by local members of the Monroe CERT all of whom have been certified as CERT Instructors by the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Other local instructors from our Town Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service will assist in the training. Persons interested in being certified as CERT members need to be trained for a minimum of 20 hours. There is no cost for this training.

CERT volunteers are trained in a variety of emergency skills such as disaster psychology, first aid, CPR and AED, fire safety, traffic control, hazardous materials awareness, emergency shelters, light search and rescue, disaster scenarios and terrorism.

Those interested in looking for further information should contact Deputy Emergency Management Director David York by email at DYork@MonroeCt.gov or call him at 203-650-8474.

The class is limited to 25 people so interested persons should register as soon as possible. The only requirement is that participants must be 18 years or older.

The class schedule begins with an informational Orientation on Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Training sessions will be held on Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 24th and 25th and also on November 7th and 8th.

Location: Monroe Emergency Medical Service Headquarters, 54 Jockey Hollow Road

Eligibility: 18 years or older

Cost: Free! No charge for training or materials

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