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MICHIGAN CERT GAMES 2011

A Pictorial Review

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Let the Games Begin!

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is people like you and me volunteering to help others in a disaster or emergency. Organized and trained citizen volunteers working along side of Emergency Management, Fire and Police. But, how ready are we? Once each year CERTs come together in friendly competition to hone their knowledge and skills. This competition is known as the:

Michigan CERT Games!

This years competition was held at the Howell Nature and Conference Center, Howell, Michigan.

Pictured left is the Lakeview Lodge used as the Games assembly and control area.

Participants, evaluators, and games staff share fellowship, meals and rest at the Lakeview.

Inside the Lakewood participants receive briefings, instruction and take written exams. Grindley, Snowshoe and Woodland Lodges also support program activities and housing.

The Games ran from Friday at 3:00p.m. until Sunday at 11:00a.m.

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Game participants sleep in barracks style housing. Bunk beds are very comfortable or, maybe, we're just tired!

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided - food is served in the Lakewood Lodge.

During the Games CERTs from the 7 CERT Regions in Michigan compete and further train in Cribbing, Field Psychology, Incident Command System, Medical Treatment, Personal Equipment Inventory, Rescue, Search, Terrorism and Triage. All of this culminating in a written Test to decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the State CERT Program. Each step of the three day journey, participating CERTs are evaluated and scored.

"Search"—a methodical word to CERTs. CERTs work in two's so they can watch each other's backs should a problem arise as they search.

When a victim is found the first step is —triage! Information gained in triage dictates what is done next for the victim.

Lifting a heavy structure without further injury to the victim is called—"cribbing." Metal poles are inserted under the structure to lift it.

When cribbing, wood is stacked under the structure to stabilize it while additional lifting take's place.

When a volunteer joins a CERT team they receive 20 hours of formal Basic CERT training. Then, as their CERT team progresses they receive addition training in subjects such as Hazardous Materials Incidents and Traffic Control Operations.

Rescue first requires stabilizing the victim—triage and first aid come into play.

Once stable the victim may require transport. This must be done without additional injury.

A twenty hour Basic CERT training course is comprised of Disaster Preparedness; Fire Safety; Disaster Medical Operations 1&2; Light Search & Rescue; CERT Organization; Disaster Psychology and Terrorism training. All this with a Disaster Simulation Exercise.

WE ARE CERTs—YES WE CAN!

JOIN A CERT TEAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

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