

Did you know?

You can call
202-7100
in the case of
a disaster for
up to date
emergency info

**What can
you do as
a LCERT
Member?**

- Join a Community Event
- Plan to Participate in a Training Activity
- Locate your Rally Point
- Join a LCERT Committee
- Promote LCERT in your neighborhood
- Prepare your Family in the Case of a Disaster
- Read the LCERT Newsletter!

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Hurricane Preparedness Issue

The Hurricane Expo

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2010

Time: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Gaillard Auditorium, 77 Calhoun St. Charleston

Charleston Home + Design Magazine has partnered with WCBD Count on News 2 to present the Charleston Hurricane Expo on Saturday, August 28, 2010, during which FREE Hurricane Kits will be provided to home show guests (limited one per household). The Charleston Hurri-

cane Expo is a not-for-profit event that will take place at Gaillard Auditorium in conjunction with the Custom Home + Remodel Show.

Volunteers are needed to work the Hurricane Expo from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM (break down).

To Volunteer contact:

Tom Crosby, Board Chair Lowcountry CERT

843-345-1060

Crosby@aCharlestonHome.com

Additional Volunteer Opportunities:

SLED is looking for CERT volunteers who would like to help out with some Surveillance Detection Training in Charleston, August 19, 2010 from 9 AM until 3 PM. Role players basically perform as "bad guys" conducting surveillance on the exercise facility.

To volunteer, contact:
Jennie Temple
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ARE YOU READY???

 Please share this essential information!

Preparedness resources and tips for the 2010 hurricane season.

Forecasters are expecting a very active hurricane season. *Are you Ready? Regardless of the number of storms that may form this season, make your preparation plans with the idea that is the year you will be struck, it only takes one to ruin your day!* This is also the time to consider potential needs of everyone in the household during an emergency. If your household or community includes a person with a disability, special steps to assist them may be necessary and should be considered now.

Four simple steps can help YOU get ready:

1. **Get a kit of emergency supplies.**
2. **Make a plan of what you will do.**
3. **Be informed about what might happen.**

Get involved in preparing your community.

The following is a list of resources that you can utilize to help you be prepared;

Ready Lowcountry at, www.charlestoncounty.org to download, print and share:

The 2010 Charleston County Hurricane Preparedness Guide (in English and Spanish)

The 2010 Disabilities and Special Needs Emergency Preparedness Guide



Disability Resource Center

Information and Referral, www.drcilc.org

National Organization on Disability

Prepare yourself, www.nod.org/emergency

Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities

Disability Preparedness Resource Center, <http://www.disabilitypreparedness.gov/>

Trident United Way

[Trident United Way's 2-1-1 Hotline](http://www.tridentunitedway.org) offers free, confidential information to local residents about hurricane resources before, during and after a storm

American Red Cross

Prepare your home and family, www.redcross.org

Ready America

Offers Free downloadable resources to help you to prepare, www.ready.gov or En Español, www.listo.gov

Pets also require special handling. They may become agitated during the onset of a storm, so a pet carrier is a must for safe travel. Pet owners should research pet boarding facilities or pet friendly hotels now within a certain radius of where you may evacuate, since animals may not be welcome in all shelters or hotels. To find a pet-friendly hotel, visit: <http://www.pet-friendly-hotels.net/>

Take steps now to purchase a flood insurance policy. Not only are homes and businesses in hurricane-prone areas at risk for flood, but inland flooding is common as well. To assess flood risk for your home or find a local agent selling national flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov or call toll-free at 1-888-379-9531.

Do you have LCERT related photos you would like published in the LCERT Newsletter and on LCERT.org?

Send them to Newsletter@LCERT.org



1. Get a Kit of Emergency Supplies

When preparing for a possible emergency situation, think first about the basics of survival: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. **Consider two kits.** In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own for at least the first 72 hours after a disaster. The other kit should be a light-weight, smaller version that you can have ready to take with you in case you need to leave home.

Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation.

Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.

Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.

Flashlight and extra batteries.

First aid kit.

Whistle to signal for help.

Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.

Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.

Can opener for food (if your kit contains canned food).

Local maps.

Cell phone and cell phone chargers.

Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

Prescription medications and glasses.

Infant formula and diapers.

Pet food and extra water for your pet.

Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.

Cash or traveler's checks and change.

Emergency reference material such as a first aid book.

Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeve shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper. When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

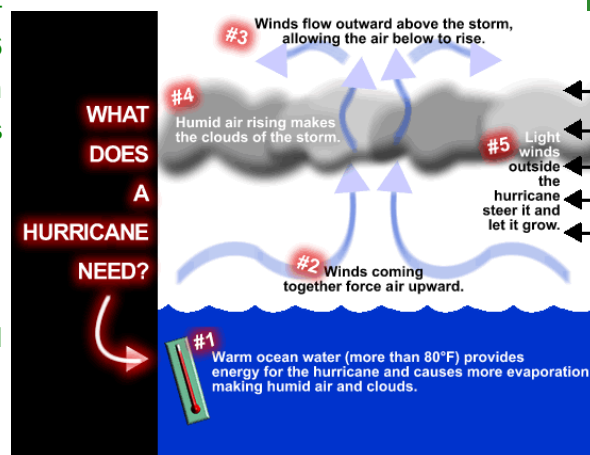
Fire extinguisher: ABC type.

Matches in a waterproof container.

Personal hygiene items and feminine supplies.

Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, and paper towels.

Paper and pencil.



Contact Your District Liaisons or Team Leader to find out the latest for your area including:

- Meetings
- Rally Points
- The Latest LCERT Happenings
- And Other Pertinent Information

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report.: David Dawson

There has been no activity - donations, income, or expenditures since the previous report. LCCert currently has \$3,097.50 in funds available, however, \$200 of this is earmarked as belonging to James Island Cert.

Continuing Education and Membership Report: Greer Farrell

The Continuing Education the Membership Committee seemed to have merged, or at least the committees and those attending seem to be made up of the same people. The majority of the Continuing Education has come from the James Island CERT team giving us the opportunity to train on Thursdays.



Did you know that LCERT now has a webstore where you can purchase all sorts of great LCERT items (shirts, mugs, bags, etc.). Visit www.LCERT.org for more information or www.cafepress.com/LCERT



LCERT Trivia Enter for Your Chance to Win!

Win a pair of handy EMT scissors by sending the correct answer to the following trivia question to:

Newsletter@LCERT.org or calling George @ 452.4604

Responses with the correct answer will be included in a future drawing for a couple pairs of EMT scissors!

One entry per person. Include your name, mailing address, and phone number in the email response. Good Luck!



Thanks to Susan Clark for donating the Summer giveaway!

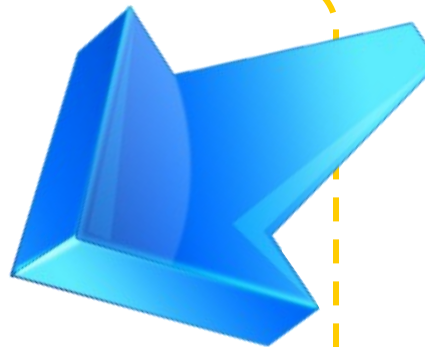
The trivia question for the Summer issue is:

Starting at the top and working clockwise, what do you put in the four quadrants of your Search Assessment?

All the CERT that's fit to print... KNOW YOUR TEAM!

MEMBER QUIZ: TEST YOURSELF!

- What is your District Number?
- Who is your Team Leader?
- Who is your District Liaison?
- What is your district Rally Point?



Don't know any of these answers?

FIND OUT at the Members Page!

<http://www.lcert.org/memberspage.htm#DISTRICTS>

Great info from Dorchester EMD... REAL WEATHER!

<http://www.emergencyemail.org/wx/us/SC/45035.asp>



KIDS CORNER:

Lightening Safety Quiz

Question #1: Where is the safest place to be in a lightning storm?

Question #2: What if you are stuck outdoors? Should you stand underneath a tree?

Question #3: Should you stand in the open, away from trees?

Question #4: Should you lie flat on the ground?

Question #5: What should you do then?



Answers:
 # 1 Indoors, away from windows.
 # 2 No.
 # 3 No, lightning usually hits the tallest thing in the vicinity. Go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.
 # 4 No, it's not safe to lie flat on the ground. You make yourself a larger target.
 # 5 Get in the lightning safety position, also called the lightning crouch!



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Value your VOAD!

VOAD stands for Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster- and from the name alone you can see that LCERT is a member!

VOAD is a network of agencies that focus on disaster response to promote:

- Cooperation
- Communication
- Coordination
- Collaboration

When agencies work together on these “four Cs”, they respond more efficiently, reduce redundancies and form partnerships that allow communities to respond and recover more quickly from disasters. Over and over history shows that communities with active local VOADs are more resilient and better prepared to handle disasters.

State and National resources are available to help after a disaster but the local response is critical to good preparedness. State and National resources have told us

that they will follow our lead in terms of response and recovery. We know our community... and we know our needs. Having defined roles and organized communication allows us to clearly request the support we need from outside resources.

Local response is also integral immediately following a disaster. The first 72 hours are especially critical before outside resources are organized and available to respond.

VOAD operates on many levels- there is a National chapter (NVOAD- www.nvoad.org), a State chapter (SCVOAD) and local chapters of VOAD across SC. The Trident VOAD is the local chapter that covers Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties.

Trident VOAD is attended by voluntary agencies such as Trident United Way, American Red Cross, SC Baptist Association, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, disAbility Resource Center and Trident



Area Agency on Aging to name a few. We also have participation of churches, homeowner associations, and government agencies such as county Emergency Preparedness Departments, DHEC and Dept of Mental Health. We meet quarterly and have an email list for important disaster information.

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings or receive emails- and spread the word! Please contact me to find out more about Trident VOAD.

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