



NATRONA COUNTY CERT NEWS

CERT ID UPDATES

Many of our members still need to update their information and receive a new CERT identification card. All previous cards expired January 2015. If you are in need of a new ID please contact:

Rissa at 235-9205

ncema@natronacounty-wy.gov.

You need to verify/ update all contact information and take a new picture. These ID cards will be valid for the next four years.

UPCOMING TRAINING!

We are offering our 41st training , beginning March 19, 2015 for new recruits, applications can be obtained through NCEMA.

Current members are welcome to join for a refresher.

You can find more information on the web at:

<http://www.natrona.net/index.aspx?NID=143>

1ST QUARTER, 2015



CERT Committee Officers

Joseph Knop, President

Nicolas Skalicki, Vice President

Sue Apel, Secretary

Brenda Sanders, Treasurer

EMA Personnel

Lt. Stewart Anderson,
Emergency Management Coordinator

Theresa Simpson, Emergency
Management Dept. Coordinator

Rissa Daugherty,
Administrative Assistant

Upcoming Volunteer Events:

We appreciate all the volunteers we can get!

Weather Spotter Training: April 20
(Ft Caspar Campground 6:00 PM)

Parade Day: July 7 2015

Fair/Rodeo: July 3-11 2015

Beartrap Festival: Aug 1-2 2015

POTENTIAL/ TBD:

Fort Casper: Platte Bridge 150th
(July 24-26th 2015)

CERT Training (Fall): TBD

Contact NCEMA at 235-9205 or ncema@natronacounty-wy.gov if you are interested in volunteering.

Please Join us!



American Red Cross



Emergency Shelter Training and Exercise

April 24, 2015 11:00am – 5:00pm

April 25, 2015 8:00am – 2:00pm

Casper, Wyoming

**Attendance is required for both days.*

To Register, click on the following link:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-shelter-training-and-exercise-tickets-15600778348>

There may be an option to sleep in the shelter overnight for free or we have secured a room block for \$65/night at the Parkway Plaza – Code is Medical Reserve Corps

Q: What is CERT?

A: The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Q: How does CERT benefit the community?

A: People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used locally for events such as missing person, crowd control, Fair & Rodeo, Medical assistance at events and to distribute disaster education material.

Q: Why take the CERT training?

A: Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay for them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

A success story about Natrona County CERT comes from events during the Massive Snowstorm that hit Casper in October 2013. The Natrona County CERT helped emergency management and the fire department personnel by assisting with help in the Emergency Operations Center, man downed power lines and help in any way possible to keep our streets and people safe during this storm. This is a great example of CERT members and response personnel working together for the benefit of the community.

Q: What if I want to do more than just the basic training?

A: CERT members can increase their knowledge and capability by attending classes provided by other community agencies on community relations, shelter management, debris removal, utilities control, advanced first aid, Automatic External Defibrillator use, CPR skills, and others. Bring your certificates to our office so we can call upon CERT members when these additional skills are needed in the community.

CERT members can use their skills to help the program flourish by volunteering today!



For more information on Natrona County CERT program, go to:

<http://www.natrona.net/index.aspx?NID=143>

For more information on National CERT programs, go to:

<http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CLASS SYLLABUS

(FEMA COURSE # G-317 - NCEMA # 14-02-41)

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE OF TRAINING	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION
3-19-15	6:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions Overview of Hazards Intro and Unit 1 – Pages 1-1 thru 1-6	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
3-26-15	6:00 PM	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Unit 1 – Pages 1-7 thru 1-25	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
4-2-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION & SAFETY Unit 2	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
4-4-15*	8:30 AM To 11:00 AM	DISASTER FIRE PRACTICAL Students will have hands-on exercise utilizing a fire extinguisher to suppress a small fire.	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Fire Training Facility Metro Road
4-9-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER MEDICAL – TRIAGE Unit 3	Waynette Spence Mike Hendershot Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
4-16-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER MEDICAL – PATIENT ASSESSMENT Unit 4 – Pages 4-1 thru 4-12	Waynette Spence Mike Hendershot Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
4-23-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER MEDICAL – PATIENT TREATMENT Unit 4 – Pages 4-13 thru 4-26	Waynette Spence Mike Hendershot Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
4-30-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER SEARCH AND RESCUE Unit 5	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
5-2-15	8:30 AM To 11:00 AM	SEARCH AND RESCUE PRACTICAL Leveraging and Cribbing exercise	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Fire Training Facility Metro Road
5-7-15	6:00 PM	DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY Unit 7 TEAM ORGANIZATION & ICS 100 OVERVIEW Unit 6	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
5-14-15	6:00 PM	CERT ROLE IN TERRORISM Unit 8 COURSE REVIEW Unit 9	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center 201 N David – 2 nd Fl
5-16-15	8:30 AM To 1:00 PM	FINAL DISASTER EXERCISE & SUMMARY Students will utilize the culmination of knowledge and skills learned throughout the course in a simulated disaster exercise. Following the exercise a course review, debriefing and certificate ceremony will be conducted. LUNCH IS PROVIDED.	Stewart Anderson Theresa Simpson	Fire Training Facility Metro Road Hall of Justice Emergency Operations Center

Flooding

For Spring of 2015 in Natrona County, we are looking like we are in good shape for the flood season. We have many people looking over us to make sure we are protected. However, mother nature often has plans that she neglects to share with us so it is never too early to prepare so here is some knowledge so that you can become more prepared!!

Even if you feel you live in a community with a low risk of flooding, remember that anywhere it rains, it can flood. Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history; it's also based on a number of factors including rainfall, topography, flood-control measures, river-flow and tidal-surge data, and changes due to new construction and development. Here are just a few that you could possibly see around our community.

*Flash Floods:

In the United States, floods are the most common severe weather emergency. They can roll boulders, tear out trees and destroy buildings and bridges. A flash flood is a rapid flooding of low-lying areas in less than six hours, which is caused by intense rainfall from a thunderstorm or several thunderstorms. Flash floods can also occur from the collapse of a man-made structure or ice dam.

*Flood after fire:

Many areas in the west and south are at an increased flood risk due to the wildfires in recent years. While the west typically experiences most wildfires in the fall, the wildfires are most active in the south during late-winter and early spring months. The rainy seasons that follow can lead to severe flooding.

After a wildfire, the charred ground where vegetation has burned away can not easily absorb rainwater, increasing the risk of flooding and mudflows for several years. Properties directly affected by fires, and those located downstream of burn areas, are most at risk.

*Heavy rains:

Many areas of the country are at heightened risk for flooding due to heavy rains. This excessive amount of rainfall can happen anytime throughout the year, putting your property at risk.

Storms over the Pacific Ocean bring heavy rains to the western United States between the months of November and April. Spring rains in colder climates can lead to flooding when the still-frozen ground can not absorb the water. And the summer months often bring heavy rains to the eastern and southern United States as warm air and moisture from the ocean move in-land.

Cresting rivers, backed-up storm drains or saturated ground can cause significant, wide-spread floods during these times.

This is just a very brief overview of some flooding issues.

Please see: <https://www.floodsmart.gov> for more information!