

Annual Report, Hamden CERT 2012

The Hamden CERT Program had a very busy year. Along with the many Pre-Planned Community Events the team was also busy with Public Service, Emergency Responses and the regular Monthly Training Schedule.

We were also very pleased to have graduated two CERT Classes during the year. We had the honor of instructing our first group of High School Students to become one of only two Teen CERT Programs in the state. We have a waiting list of over 12 students who are signed up for the next Teen CERT Training coming up in March 2013. We had our fifth CERT Basic Training Class of 18 members that graduated in June of 2012 and have another class planned for February of 2013. We also had five Team Members attend classes to become certified CERT Instructors.

The Team was also able to attain and convert a house trailer into a mobile storage vehicle for our Shelter Equipment and Materials. This trailer was “donated” by one of our team members who assisted us with hours of labor to make this project possible. This trailer is loaded and ready to be brought to any shelter location when needed.

Here is the breakdown of the year’s activity for 2012.

Emergency Calls - 6 Activations that included House Fires, Rescues at Sleeping Giant State Park and Emergency Shelter Operations for Hurricane Sandy.

Public Service Calls - 9 Request that included: assistance to North Haven, Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden High School Graduation and Connecticut Special Olympics.

Planned Community Events – 12 Request for assistance that included: our Fireworks and Concert Series along with the Brooksvale Festival and Silver Bells Venues.

Team Training & Meetings – 11 As always, training is a priority for our team. We covered all subject matter that would make us aware of hazards and keep us aware that safety of our community and ourselves is our main objective. Hamden CERT acting as a major part of *Hamden’s Emergency Management* was called into service thirty eight (38) times during the year to volunteer our assistance to our community.

We would like to thank the Hamden Chamber of Commerce for its recognition and the honor of being chosen as the 2012 Service Organization of the Year. As always it is always a privilege to serve our community when called and to assist our Police and Fire Departments when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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