



COLLETON COUNTY CERT

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NEW CERT MEMBERS

Six people completed the CERT Basic Training course offered by Colleton County Fire-Rescue (CCFR). Julie Dimitrov instructed the course. On the last day of class, students put into action what they learned in the course. With the assistance of staff and Explorers at Station 19, the class participated in a mock cribbing exercise, extinguished a fire, worked together to carry a victim in a blanket, and worked through triage scenarios. The following members completed the course: Faith Blatter, Jeraldo Brown, Dawn Munro, Deanna Munro, Edwin Robinson, and Tim Hamilton. Welcome to the team!



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 19th

10:00 a.m.

**We will meet at the
Emergency Operations
Center, 108 Simmons Street
Walterboro, SC.**

*****Bring your CERT bag. We
will inventory and refresh
your bag.***



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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMODITY FLOW STUDY

A hazardous materials (hazmat) commodity flow study (HMCFS) is a special kind of transportation analysis project. It is intended to identify the types and amounts of hazardous materials transported through our county—and the routes used for transporting these commodities. It is a methodical way to identify and quantify the hazmat transportation hazards that may be present in our community. CERT along with Colleton County Fire-Rescue (CCFR) will participate in a HMCFS. We will monitor hazardous materials placards on tractor trailers traveling on five pre-selected highways and I-95 in Colleton County. CERT will be trained to collect data.



During our meeting on February 19, CERT will be trained on the data collection process and discuss the plans for the study. If you signed up to assist in the study or would like to participate, it is very important for you to attend the training. The HMCFS will begin on February 25.

COOKING FIRES

Cooking is, by far, the leading cause of home fires and injuries. These fires caused an estimated 195 deaths, 3,800 injuries, and \$463 million in property loss each year. The leading specific factor contributing to ignition in non-confined cooking fires in residential buildings was unattended equipment.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 19 - CERT Meeting / HMCFS Training

Bring your CERT bag so that we can inventory the bag and refresh any expired contents. CERT will be trained to collect data for HMCFS.

February 20 – March 1 - CERT ID Badges

If you do not have a CERT ID badge, stop by CCFR Headquarters (113 Mable T. Willis Blvd.) to have your ID made by Bridget Farmer. We are open 8:00 – 5:00, Monday - Friday. Bridget takes her lunch 12:00 – 1:00, so please avoid this time.

February 25 - Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study begins

March 20 - “Senior 101” at the Colleton County Farmers Market & Museum, 10:00 – 2:00 Dana Cheney and Ken Bahrenburg will work the CERT table. Stop by to visit other tables at the event. Invite others to attend.



The month of February is Earthquake Awareness Month. When the ground shakes remember to DROP – COVER – HOLD ON.





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AMERICAN HEART MONTH

During the month of February we think of love and Valentine's Day. The month of February also reminds us to take care of our heart. It is American Heart Month. The annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease, which is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the U.S. There are a few things you can do to love your heart.



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