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## Disaster Resistant Times

# Shenandoah Valley Project Impact

### Citizen Corps Council and CERT Member Newsletter

## Summer 2010

### Atlantic Hurricane Names For 2010:

Alex  
Bonnie  
Colin  
Danielle  
Earl  
Fiona  
Gaston  
Hermine  
Igor  
Julia  
Karl  
Lisa  
Matthew  
Nicole  
Otto  
Paula  
Richard  
Shary  
Tomas  
Virginie  
Walter



### Shenandoah Valley Project Impact Needs Your Help:

1. Take less than 10 minutes to answer 10 questions of the on-line Natural Hazards Survey. The confidential and anonymous results of this survey will be compiled and included in the update of the Central Shenandoah Valley All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The survey is located on the internet at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/J7FCVYV>.
2. Enter the "Create Your Own Holiday" contest. Come up with the names of up to three new and original holidays and e-mail them to Rebecca Joyce, SVPI Coordinator, at [rebecca@cspdc.org](mailto:rebecca@cspdc.org). We just need names of your holidays, not specific dates. An independent panel of judges will pick the three "most creative" holidays which will then be included in the 2011 Project Impact Calendar. **Entries will be accepted until July 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**
3. Become a fan of Shenandoah Valley Project Impact on Facebook. On the SVPI Facebook page, we post current training opportunities as well as interesting information about severe weather, disaster preparedness, and emergency management. Feel free to post information on the SVPI wall. The Facebook website is: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Find SVPI's page listed as "**Shenandoah Valley Project Impact**". Thanks to Shawn Maddox, Deputy Fire Marshal for the City of Staunton for setting up our Facebook page and bringing us in to the social media arena.

### Animals And Disasters:

- The Humane Society of the United States has several useful brochures available for download to help you plan for the needs of your pets, horses, and livestock during an emergency. The website address is: [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal\\_rescue/tips/disaster\\_preparedness\\_pets.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/disaster_preparedness_pets.html).
- Are you interested in helping animals during a disaster? Join one of the Virginia State Animal Response Team (SART)'s County Animal Response Teams (CARTs) that are now forming across the Commonwealth. For more information, go to the Virginia SART website at [www.virginiasart.org](http://www.virginiasart.org).
- There is a wonderful nonprofit service in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County assisting injured animals. Freedom Transports and Animal Services transports animals that have been injured in an accident and need medical attention. They also transport animals that are at local vets or animal shelters that need specialized medical attention to the Shenandoah Valley Regional Veterinary Emergency Services or universities such as Virginia Tech. Freedom Transports has outfitted an ambulance specially designed for animals. In the aftermath of a disaster, where the potential for many injured animals could be possible, the service that Freedom Transports provides would be invaluable. Freedom Transport's website is: [www.freedomtransports.org](http://www.freedomtransports.org).



**Shenandoah Valley Project Impact is the Citizen Corps Council for the Central Shenandoah Planning District.**

The mission of Shenandoah Valley Project Impact is to strive towards disaster resistance through a holistic and broad based hazard mitigation and preparedness education and awareness program that will provide the citizens of the Central Shenandoah Valley Region the information and skills they need to protect themselves from natural and man-made disasters and improve their quality of life.



### "Flooding In The Valley Of Virginia" DVD Available:

The Rockbridge Area Conservation Council has a DVD available entitled, "Flooding In The Valley Of Virginia" The video is designed for use in earth science courses but might also be appropriate for classes in geography or environmental studies. It is also an interesting DVD for anyone who wants to learn more about flooding issues we experience in the Shenandoah Valley, most particularly in Rockbridge County. The DVD is being distributed free of charge to schools and to civic clubs that want to use it for public presentations. Individuals who want the DVD for private purposes may purchase a copy for \$5.00. You can contact the Rockbridge Area Conservation Council by phone at 540-463-2330 or by e-mail at [racc@rockbridge.net](mailto:racc@rockbridge.net).

### New FEMA Hurricane Webpage:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has a new webpage dedicated to hurricane preparedness. The webpage address is: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>. The newly updated Hurricane Webpage has information about what to do before, during, and after a hurricane as well as what to do during an evacuation. There are resources for how to be prepared for Hurricane Season 2010 including information about inland flooding and current storm watch information.

### Citizen Corps Community Preparedness Webinar Series:

The National Citizen Corps Program is offering the Community Preparedness Webinar Series which provides up-to-date information on community preparedness topics and resources available to citizens, community organizations, and Citizen Corps Councils. A webinar is a web-based informational or training seminar (a presentation, lecture, workshop or seminar) that is transmitted over the internet. These webinars will feature new community preparedness topics several times each month and are free to the public. Each webinar will accommodate the first 500 visitors that enter the website at the time of the webinar. In addition to airing live, each webinar will be recorded and viewable after it completes at your convenience. For additional information or to view one of these webinars, the website address is: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts.shtm>.

### New Red Cross "Open Shelter Locator Map":

The American Red Cross (ARC) has launched their new online locator for open shelters. This is a Google map that is automatically updated every 30 minutes with open shelter locations and population information from the ARC chapters around the Country. You can search any time for the nearest shelter open because of an emergency situation. Visit the map at: <http://www.redcross.org/nss/#>.

### Hurricanes And The Oil Spill In The Gulf

What will a hurricane do to the oil slick in the Gulf? The high winds and seas will mix and "weather" the oil which can help accelerate the biodegradation process. Storms' surges may carry oil into the coastline and inland as far as the surge reaches. Debris resulting from the hurricane may be contaminated by oil from the spill but there may also be other oil releases that may occur during the storm. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has put together a fact sheet that is available on their website to discuss the issue of hurricanes and the oil spill and to help answer people's questions. The fact sheet can be found on the internet at: [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/pdf/hurricanes\\_oil\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/pdf/hurricanes_oil_factsheet.pdf).

## CERT Members Become Part Of The \*\*New\*\* Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport CERT Airport Response Team:

The Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SVRA) is looking for existing CERT members interested in taking their level of training a step further and becoming involved as a part of the CERT program that will be activated to help at the airport in the event of an airplane crash or similar disaster.

The SVRA CERT will be a special arm of the Shenandoah Valley Project Impact CERT program that will be organized similar to the structure of an urban CERT and will be called up by the airport in the event of an aircraft emergency. Duties that CERT people will be involved in will range from office and administrative duties, communication facilitation, support and hydration of first responder staff, and limited assistance with basic first aid. CERT members will be able to choose the task areas where they would like to assist.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Airport CERT, here are the requirements you may expect:

1. You must be an existing Shenandoah Valley Project Impact CERT member or plan to complete one of the Fall 2010 CERT trainings being offered at the CSPDC office in Staunton or at the Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Lexington.
2. You must be willing to have a background check conducted for airport security reasons. The cost of this background check will be paid by the Airport.
3. You will be issued a special airport identification badge that you must wear at all times when you are volunteering at the airport.
4. You **must attend** the **Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting For Structural Fire Fighters Course**. This 16 hour course will be held on **Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th, 2010** at the Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport. The course will focus on the airport environment, airport emergency procedures, a tour of the airport to familiarize the course participants with aircraft, and a group exercise that will simulate aircraft incidents that may occur on or off of airport property. During this course, CERT members will not be expected to participate in any activities beyond their level of training, in other words you will not be expected to carry out the responsibilities of a first responder, only those of a CERT member.

**If you are interested in becoming part of this specialized CERT, please contact Rebecca Joyce, SVPI CERT Coordinator, by phone at 540-885-5174 or by e-mail at [rebecca@cspdc.org](mailto:rebecca@cspdc.org).**

## **CERT Member Volunteer Opportunities**

### Bath County Emergency Services Day:

On **August 7, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**, Bath County will be hosting an Emergency Services Day in conjunction with a "Wings and Wheels" event that will be held at the Bath County Airport. We are looking for CERT volunteers that would be interested in staffing a disaster preparedness educational booth that day. **If you are interested, please contact CERT Coordinator, Rebecca Joyce by phone at 540-885-5174 or by e-mail at [rebecca@cspdc.org](mailto:rebecca@cspdc.org).**



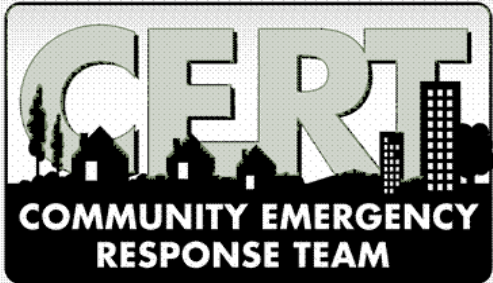
### Fire And Rescue Booth At The Augusta County Fair:

This year, the Augusta County Fair is being held at Expoland, **August 10th - 14th**. Augusta Fire and Rescue will have a booth at the fair each evening from **6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** and is looking for CERT volunteers willing to help staff the booth, pass out educational materials, and use the helium tank to blow up balloons to give to children. **If you are interested in helping any of the five nights of the fair, please contact CERT Coordinator, Rebecca Joyce by phone at 540-885-5174 or by e-mail at [rebecca@cspdc.org](mailto:rebecca@cspdc.org).**

### CERT Field Operating Guide:

Have you ever wondered how nice it would be to have all the most essential information from your CERT Participant Manual in a handy, simple guide that you could take with you in your CERT duffle? Well now such a guide exists on the national Citizen Corps/CERT website. To download your copy of the CERT Field Operating Guide from the internet, go to:  
**<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/downloads/training/fog.pdf>**

# Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training To Be Offered



CERT training helps you prepare yourself, your family, and neighbors for severe weather, emergencies, and disasters.



## CERT Courses Fall 2010

### Rockbridge County

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
September 14 - October 26  
Stonewall Jackson Hospital  
1 Health Circle  
Lexington, Virginia

### Augusta County

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
September 23 - November 11  
Central Shenandoah PDC Office  
112 MacTanly Place  
Staunton, Virginia

### To Register For CERT

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Classes meet one night a week. You will learn about a different topic each night:

- Disaster Preparedness And Mitigation
- Fire Safety
- Emergency First Aid
- Terrorism Awareness and Preparedness
- Disaster Psychology
- Emergency Preparedness For Persons With Special Needs
- Animals And Disasters
- Search and Rescue

The Course Is Free And All  
Materials Are Provided!

