



# CERT CORNER

## Whitfield County CERT Newsletter

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## Happy 4th of July!

From all of us at Whitfield County EMA please have a SAFE and happy Independence Day Weekend! We hope to see lots of photos of your family celebrations or even see you out and about at the fireworks displays throughout the weekend. Don't forget training will be Thursday, July 7th where Jeff Ownby will be teaching Crisis Track software for damage assessment.

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeat-en, but it is patriotism.” - Erma Bombeck

## June Training– Event Psychology and Resiliency

On June 2nd Christina Byrd taught Disaster Psychology and Resiliency. She is a certified peer councilor through the Office of Public Safety Support in Georgia. The class went through the basic CERT curriculum for disaster psychology with additions from Christina about coping mechanisms, more in-depth signs of psychological trauma, and ways to be mentally resilient as a responder.



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### Academy 21

We're excited to announce our next CERT Basic Academy! We're trying something a little different this time and will be doing two Saturdays. If you know anyone who might be interested the dates are August 6th and 13th from 8-5 (must be present both days). As of this newsletter 23 have already registered!

Registration can be completed at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfBQj87vC9fRbUp1Z72CHwYSwIIHRSDVia5zRaA6NOIWPw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfBQj87vC9fRbUp1Z72CHwYSwIIHRSDVia5zRaA6NOIWPw/viewform?usp=sf_link).



### Business Safety Seminar

On August 24th, 2022, Whitfield County EMA will be hosting the first Business Safety Seminar at Edwards Park. Participants will learn about disaster planning, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, Epilepsy Awareness, how businesses are affected by disasters, and how they can help emergency management, Stop the Bleed, and risk assessment. Lunch will also be provided. Please share with your places of employment– we'd love to see this be as much of a success as the Place of Worship Seminar!

Register at <https://form.jotform.com/220444907101142> (seats are limited to 50 participants).

Whitfield County EMA Presents:  
**2022  
SMALL  
BUSINESS  
SAFETY  
SEMINAR**

**When your employees are looking to you- will you know what to do?**

In these unprecedented times, workplace safety is a large part of the role of employers. When the unthinkable happens are you prepared to guide your team? Join us as we go over the below topics:

- Disaster Planning
- Active Shooter Events
- Epilepsy Awareness
- Businesses in Disasters
- Stop the Bleed Training
- Risk Assessment

**August 24, 2022 8 AM- 5 PM**

Edwards Park  
115 Edwards Park Dalton, GA  
30721

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For more information contact Christina Byrd at 706-259-3730 or email [cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com)

HAVE A STORY TO TELL? WERE YOU INVOLVED IN A CERT IN ACTION MOMENT? WERE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE FAMILY? DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A PROGRAM OR EARN A DEGREE? EMAIL [CBYRD@WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM](mailto:CBYRD@WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM) FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!



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## Featured FEMA Independent Study Course– IS-242.C Effective Communication

This course is designed to improve your communication skills. It addresses: Basic communication skills; How to communicate in an emergency; How to identify community-specific communication issues; Using technology as a communication tool; Effective oral communication; How to prepare an oral presentation

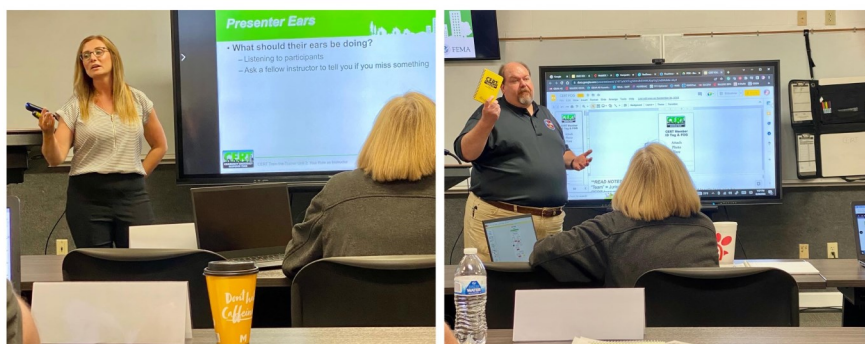
### Course Objectives:

- Identify factors that contribute to and detract from effective communication.
- Develop a strategy for ensuring that emergency communications meet the needs of the whole community, including those with access and functional needs.
- Identify strategies for communicating effectively in emergency situations.
- Identify strategies for improving your oral presentation skills.



## CERT Train the Trainer

June 28th-30th 13 new CERT instructors came to the Whitfield County EOC to go through the Train the Trainer class for their programs. Instructors Amy Ramsey, Jeff Ownby, Greg Metcalf, and Christina Byrd taught new instructors how to not only go through the basic curriculum but how to teach adult learners. We were thrilled to have them join us!



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