



# CERT CORNER

## Whitfield County CERT Newsletter

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**Stay Safe**

ER visits peak in the summer months.

**1 Sunburn**

**2 Dehydration**

**3 Burns**

**4 Outdoor injuries**

**5 Food Poisoning**

Avoid these 5 common summer-related accidents and illnesses

## May Training– Damage Assessment

On May 5th we were excited to have Tim Reeve from GEMA come in to teach our volunteers Damage Assessment. This class opens up the opportunity for trained CERT Volunteers to go out and help with windshield assessments for initial numbers to send in to officials. Since it was Cinco de Mayo the dinner menu was changed up from the standard pizza to tacos. Thank you to everyone who attended!





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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 afternoon 8 have already registered!

Registration can be completed at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfBQj87vC9fRbUp1Z72CHwYSwIIHRSDVia5zRaA6NOIWXPw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfBQj87vC9fRbUp1Z72CHwYSwIIHRSDVia5zRaA6NOIWXPw/viewform?usp=sf_link).

## Place of Worship Safety Seminar Update

On Saturday, May 14th we had our first ever Place of Worship Safety Seminar! Carolyn Baptist Church was kind enough to provide us space in their fellowship hall as well as lunch for the 26 individuals who attended as well as the instructors. We had Amy Ramsey as a representative of CERT while she taught Stop the Bleed that morning. Thank you Amy for teaching and thanks to all of you who shared. We will be hosting a similar seminar in August for business personnel.

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
- Event Psychology and Resiliency
- Stop the Bleed Training
- Risk Assessment

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

Edwards Park  
115 Edwards Park Dalton, GA 30721

Seats are limited to 50 participants. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/220444907101142> to register.

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-241.C Decision Making and Problem Solving

The goal of this course is to enable participants to improve their decision-making skills.

### Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe how decisions made before an emergency affect decision making and problem solving during an emergency.
- Identify attributes associated with an effective decision maker.
- Describe the steps in the problem-solving model.
- Describe strategies for effective group decision making.
- Describe crisis decision making and strategies for applying the problem-solving model.

Describe ethical decision making.

If you choose to take this class please make sure you send a copy of your certificate to [cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com).



## FEMA Points of Distribution Training (POD)

GEMA/HS and FEMA Region 4 have made FEMA's POD class available for Whitfield County EMA to host on Thursday, June 9th from 9 AM – 3 PM. This is a more in depth look at how a FEMA POD should be set up and function for emergency supplies such as food and water. It is not the same class as what we have annually with Public Health. If you are interested in attending please email [jownby@whitfieldcountyga.com](mailto:jownby@whitfieldcountyga.com) to register.

