

Summer '24 MRC Training & Event Opportunities

June 1, 2024

Friends of Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) is meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 6:00-7:30 pm at Carter County Emergency Management Agency at 525 S Sycamore Street in Elizabethton.

The Friends of CC DART is a newly formed non-profit agency created to raise resources (funds, animal care items, grant applications) for the CC DART. Members of the Friends of CC DART do not need to be DART volunteers and have an interest in ensuring the success of the DART. The work done by the non-profit is administrative in nature. *The group is seeking board members, officers and members who are interested in generating resources for DART. Do you have some skills to contribute? You do not need to live in Carter County to be a member. Check us out!* We are not able to provide dinner so please bring something with you or eat before the meeting. Got questions, contact Kim Bordeaux at bordeauxka94@gmail.com or 423-342-5406.

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**CPR/BLS Certification for MRC Volunteers on Friday, June 14, 9:00 am-1:30 pm** at Northeast TN Regional Health Office at 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City. This is the large cement building on the hill.

*We still need between 3-7 MRC volunteers from our unit to register for this class!* We need a minimum of 6 participants to hold the session. Please call Jayne Harper at 423-979-4596 or email at [Jayne.Harper@tn.gov](mailto:Jayne.Harper@tn.gov) to reserve your seat.

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Washington County/Johnson City (WC/JC) EMA is offering **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Basic Academy on Saturday, June 15, 8:30 am-5:30 pm**, at Gray Volunteer Fire Department at 107 Gray Ruritan Drive. Link to register: <https://www.wcjema.org/cert-training-registration>

This training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. With training and practice, and by working as a team, you will be able to protect yourself and maximize your capability to help for the greatest number of people after a disaster. After completing Basic Training, participants qualify to take the Advanced training and become fully "CERT" certified. Our goal is to have teams trained and prepared throughout the county – including in our schools, universities, industry, and neighborhoods. If your organization has an interest in hosting a CERT training for your staff or students, please reach out to Kat Latham at EMA (klatham@washingtoncountyttn.org). *Some Northeast Region and Sullivan County MRC volunteers have taken this course and highly recommend it!*

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**Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) is meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 6:00-7:30 pm** at Carter County Emergency Management Agency at 525 S Sycamore Street in Elizabethton.

This is a regularly scheduled training session. The guest speaker is TBD. Save the date on your calendar to see what the DART has in store for June's learning! Got questions, contact Kim Bordeaux at [bordeauxka94@gmail.com](mailto:bordeauxka94@gmail.com) or 423-342-5406.

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Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting is Thursday, July 11 at 9:00-10:30 am at TDH Regional Health Operations Center (RHOC) at 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City.

The LEPC is facilitated by the Washington County/Johnson City (WC/JC) EMA. The group is made up of organizations and individuals who plan and prepare for response to emergencies. The meeting is held at a different location each time to become familiar with agencies and

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businesses throughout Washington County. Contact Jayne Harper if you would like to attend; 423-979-4596 or email at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov.

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CPR/BLS Certification for MRC Volunteers on Thursday, July 11, 9:00 am-1:30 pm at Northeast TN Regional Health Office at 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City. This is the large cement building on the hill. **We will hold this class if at least 6 MRC volunteers from our unit to register for this class!** We need between 6-10 participants to hold the session. Please call Jayne Harper at 423-979-4596 or email at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov to reserve your seat.

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The Mental Health Committee of the Northeast Region Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition is sponsoring an **Overdose Tabletop Exercise on Wednesday, July 31 at 8:30 am-3:00 pm at Turning Point at 208 E Unaka Avenue in Johnson City.**

MRC volunteers are invited and encouraged to join in the tabletop exercise about an opioid overdose outbreak in the region. The group will discuss how to respond in an efficient manner by coordinating with local, regional and statewide resources. Please call Jayne Harper at 423-979-4596 or email at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov to reserve your seat.

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WC/JC EMA is offering **ICS 400 (Advanced ICS – Complex Incidents) on Wednesday and Thursday, August 7-8, 8 am-4:30 pm.**

This two-day course provides training on the resources for personnel who require advanced application of the ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS 300 Courses. These earlier courses are prerequisites for ICS-400. ICS-400 explains how major incidents engender special management challenges, describe the circumstances in which an Area Command is established, and describe the circumstances in which multi-agency coordination systems are established. **The pre-reqs for this course are ICS 300 plus IS 100, 200, 700, and 800. Deadline to apply for this course is July 19.** Send application (including the applicant's prerequisite course certificates) to klatham@washingtoncountyttn.org.

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WC/JC EMA is offering **G 191 (Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface) on Thursday, September 12, 8am-4:30pm.**

This 1-day course provides an overview to the roles and responsibilities of first responders operating under the Incident Command System (ICS). Further, it explains how the Incident Commander and the IC Staff interface with local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) during emergencies or disasters. This course is now a requirement for any individuals serving on an IMT. **The pre-reqs for this course are ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800.** These prerequisites are all offered online. Follow this link to access them: <https://www.wcjcema.org/recommended-ics-courses> **Deadline to apply for this course is May 24.** Send application (including the applicant's prerequisite course certificates) to klatham@washingtoncountyttn.org.

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[MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS – NETennHCPC \(nethealthcoalition.org\)](https://www.wcjcema.org)