

Summer '24 MRC Training & Event Opportunities

June 24, 2024

**** There is NOT a Carter County DART Training on Wednesday, June 26th at 6 pm****

Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) is invited to join the Stop The Bleed Training on Tuesday, July 9, 6:00-8:30 pm at Carter County Emergency Management Agency at 525 S Sycamore Street in Elizabethton.

This training session is for Constables and DART members. *Another Stop The Bleed training will be made available for all MRC volunteers on a Saturday in November 2024.* Please register by July 3rd for the July training. Contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596.

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Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) is meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 6:00-7:15 pm followed by **The Friends of Carter County DART meeting until 8:15 pm** at Carter County Emergency Management Agency at 525 S Sycamore Street in Elizabethton.

This is a regularly scheduled training session for the DART. *The Readys!* seminar on emergency preparedness supplies and resources by Kim Bordeaux will be presented. Participants will receive their own go-bag and discuss ideas for human and animal preparedness. The newly incorporated Friends of Carter County DART will meet immediately following the DART training. Feel free to join one or both parts of the session! Got questions, contact Kim Bordeaux at 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 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 still need at least 4 more people to register to hold this session. Please call Jayne Harper at 423-979-4596 or email at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov to reserve your seat.

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Readys! Instructors: Consider attending the Virtual 3rd Annual National AFN Symposium taking place on July 11 & 12, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm (EST).

AFN is the acronym for Access & Functional Needs. This virtual meeting of two, half-day sessions showcases innovative work from across the nation and provides specific examples of integrating outreach and communication, sheltering, planning, response, and recovery operations. The Symposium is sponsored by Red Cross and Big City Emergency Managers. **There is no cost to register:** [2024 National Access and Functional Needs Symposium Tickets, Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-national-access-and-functional-needs-symposium-tickets-tue-jul-11-2024-at-12-00-pm)

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Washington County/Johnson City (WC/JC) EMA is offering **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Advanced Academy on Saturday, July 20, 8:30 am-5:30 pm**, location TBD in Washington County.

Link to register: <https://www.wcjema.org/advanced-cert-training-registration>

You must have taken the Basic CERT Academy offered this year (2/17 or 6/14) to attend the Advanced CERT Academy to become fully "CERT" certified. 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. 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).

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Carter County Schools/Harmony Freewill Baptist Church's Back-to-School Bash is on Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Harmony Freewill Baptist Church on 140 Keenburg Road in Elizabethton.

Two to three MRC volunteers are needed to help staff our MRC/Emergency Preparedness vendor table at the fair. We can staff 2 shifts: 9:30-12:30 and 12:30-3:30. Please contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to help out.

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Elizabethton City Schools Back to School Bash is on Monday, July 29, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Elizabethton High School on 907 Jason Witten Way in Elizabethton.

Two to three MRC volunteers are needed to help staff our MRC/Emergency Preparedness vendor table at the fair. We will staff the booth from 5:30-8:30 pm. Please contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to help out.

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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, 8:00 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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Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) Tabletop Exercise for a large animal emergency is on Saturday, August 17, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Carter County Emergency Management Agency at 525 S Sycamore Street in Elizabethton. Participants will be asked to participate in a potluck lunch.

The DART will work through a tabletop exercise of an emergency involving cattle and/or horses to better understand what actions need to be taken, which community stakeholders need to assist, what resources need to be used and to identify filling identified gaps in our planning and response. Participants should include representatives from community agencies that would work with the DART. All MRC volunteers are invited since the processes are similar to forming a point of dispensing site (PODS). Please contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to participate.

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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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Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) Walk-Through Exercise for a large animal emergency is on Saturday, September 21, 8:00 am-5:00 pm at a farm in the Lamar Community of Washington County.

The DART will practice Standard Operating Procedures during this exercise of an emergency involving cattle and/or horses at a farm. This will help MRC volunteers practice activities necessary for checking in and checking out animals, properly containing animals, running a large animal shelter and closing a large animal shelter. We will identify gaps in our planning and response. Participants should include representatives from community agencies that would work with the DART. All MRC volunteers are invited since the processes are similar to assisting with a sheltering operation. Please contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to participate.

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