

September '24 and Beyond MRC Training & Event Opportunities

September 11, 2024

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 Incident Management Team. **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> **Please apply as soon as possible.** Send application (including the applicant's prerequisite course certificates) to klatham@washingtoncountyttn.org.



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Washington County/Johnson City (WC/JC) EMA is offering **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Basic Academy on Saturday, September 14, 8:30 am-5:30 pm** at Embreeville Volunteer Fire Department, 4061 Highway 81 S in Erwin. Link to register: [CERT Training Registration | WCJC EMA](#)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities. The ability for CERT volunteers to perform basic emergency response activities frees up professional responders to focus their efforts on more complex tasks. MRC volunteers have taken this course have learned a lot! You do not have to be a resident of Washington County to take this free training. If you have any questions about this training, please reach out to Kat Latham at EMA: klatham@washingtoncountyttn.org



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Needed: Volunteers to assist with setting up Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) exercise on Thursday, September 19, 11:00 am-3:30 pm and/or Friday September 20, at 11:30 am-3:30 pm at Williamson's Farm, 177 Archer Road in Jonesborough.

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Four to five volunteers are needed to help set-up the On-Site Shelter Exercise for Cattle taking place on 9/21/2024. A team of us will be moving resources from storage in Elizabethton and Johnson City to Williamson's Farm at 177 Archer Road in Jonesborough. We need to partially set up the exercise by setting up 2 tents and getting resources organized onsite, setting up a small portion of temporary fencing, and preparing for the various clinics that will take place during the exercise. Feel free to join one or both days! Got questions, or to join, contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596.



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Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART) On-Site Shelter Exercise for Cattle on Saturday, September 21, 8:00 am-5:00 pm at Mr. Ed Williamson's Farm at 177 Archer Road in Jonesborough.

MRC and DART volunteers will practice Standard Operating Procedures and daily operations for a temporary shelter serving cattle. We will NOT be transporting cattle as part of this exercise. Participants will experience tracking animals, shelter set-up (including setting tents, temporary fences, running a generator and lights), shelter procedures (ensuring animal care and documenting activities), incident command roles and responsibilities as well as loading and unloading cattle (from herd onsite). 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 by September 13th at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to participate. RSVPs are required for lunch provided by the NE Healthcare Preparedness Coalition.



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Needed: Volunteers to assist with placing CC DART resources back into storage on Monday, September 23, 8:30 am-12:30 pm at Williamson's Farm, 177 Archer Road in Jonesborough.

Two to three volunteers are needed to help pack up and transport CC DART resources used for the exercise. Items need to be brought back to Elizabethton and Johnson City. We will meet at Williamson's Farm at 177 Archer Road in Jonesborough and place everything back into storage. Got questions, or to join, contact Jayne Harper at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596.



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ICS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System class on Monday, September 23, 2:00-4:00 pm at the **Carter County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 525 S. Sycamore Street in Elizabethton.**

IS-100, IS-700, IS-200 & IS-800 are needed to officially deploy during an emergency or disaster! Please complete these "one-and done" classes. Billy Harrell, Director of Carter County EMA, is leading this in-person class. You'll need to bring your SID number/password and laptop. (If you don't have SID, you will have help to create one.) Everyone will pass the exam. Contact Billy to register at 423-542-1888 or harrellb@cartercountyttn.gov.



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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Fire Safety Mini Course on Wednesday, October 16, 6:00-8:00 pm at **Regional Health Operations Center (RHOC), 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City.**

This 2-hour class is part of the curriculum from CERT and will focus on fire safety from the perspective of community members helping themselves and their neighbors during disasters. The class is taught by Kat Latham, Operations & Training Officer for the Washington County/Johnson City EMA. Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tne.gov or 423-979-4596 if you would like to register.



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Online Safety Forum: How AI and Sextortion are Impacting Child Safety on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 9:00-11:30 am at the **Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, TN.**

Attend the STRONG Kids Forum on Wednesday, October 16 from 9am-11:30am at Bristol Motor Speedway. This free forum will engage community members on how AI, social media and sextortion are affecting our children. Learn the dangers and how to spot signs early-educate your agency and keep children safe. Register using this link: [STRONG Kids Online Safety Forum Registration | Events | Speedway Children's Charities \(speedwaycharities.org\)](#)



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Northeast Tennessee MRC Orientation & POD Training on Wednesday, October 23, 12:00-1:30 pm VIRTUAL Session OR 6:00-7:30 pm In-Person Session at Regional Health Operations Center, 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City.

This 90-minute seminar is required of all MRC volunteers. Participants learn about the MRC, roles and responsibilities of volunteering and basics about Point of Dispensing Sites (PODS). The class is offered virtually and in-person. Content is the same for both formats. Contact Jayne Harper at 423-979-4596 or Jayne.Harper@tn.gov to register.



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Northeast Tennessee Healthcare Preparedness Coalition brings us the **Responder Mental Health Conference: It's All About Peer Support on Wednesday, November 6, 8:30 am-4:00 pm** at the Carnegie Hotel, 1216 West State of Franklin Road in Johnson City.

Join us at the Responder Mental Health Conference to learn why peer support is crucial for our well-being! (MRC volunteers and DART members are responders.) Seats are limited and lunch is provided.

Use this link to register for the free conference by November 3rd:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1012736761917?aff=oddtcreator>



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ICS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System class on Tuesday, November 19, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Regional Health Operations Center (RHOC), 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City.

IS-100, IS-700, IS-200 & IS-800 are needed to officially deploy during an emergency or disaster! Please complete these "one-and done" classes. They are available online at <https://training.fema.gov>; Sign in with your SID number and submit your certificates to Jayne.Harper@tn.gov. Certificates prove knowledge of class content and eligibility for deployment. Contact Jayne (Jayne.Harper@tn.gov; P: 423.979.4596) if you have any issues or questions about the online system. You do not need to take classes in any particular order although many people take them as 100, 700, 200, 800...

Our MRC Unit offers in-person sessions of these four ICS classes in this format to support members in earning certificates. Contact Jayne Harper [(423) 979.4596 or Jayne.Harper@tn.gov] to register for an upcoming class.

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