



Warren CERT eNews



Not if..... When Always Vigilant - Always Prepared

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Executive Board and is meant to give you the latest news and information from around the organization.
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DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR PET-RELATED EMERGENCIES?

We see preparedness as a critical component in all aspects of life, and furry family members are no exception. Whether you have a Great Dane or a tiny kitten, pets are an important part of our lives and we want to keep them safe. Just like it's our job to feed them, give them water, and take them for a walk, it's also our job to protect them from harm.

Which brings up a good question – do you know how to take care of your pet in case of an emergency?

Take this little pet safety quiz to see how well you do

<https://quiz.tryinteract.com/#/57d6f40627f5c8110063c100>

Don't Forget Pet Emergency Preparedness

While you may have a survival kit all ready for the humans in your family, many people forget to include pets in their disaster plan. When a disaster strikes, a well-made survival kit and escape plan can help ensure that everyone, including your pet, make it out safely.

Keeping simple things accessible, like sturdy leashes, water and food bowls, identification and medical records, can make getting out during an emergency so much easier.

A Must-Have App: Pet First Aid

Listed as one of the 20 free must have apps for dog lovers, our pet safety app has all the tools you need to keep your pet safe.

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/mobile-apps>

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD (PVSA)

As another level of recognition and acknowledgement for all the time volunteered by our members CERT has added the ability for members to qualify for the **President's Volunteer Service Award** or PVSA.

Please go to <https://www.presidentalserviceawards.gov/register-vo> and create your own account. Each person must create your own account! To associate your account to the Warren CERT team you must reference our **Record of Service Key WBU-4628**

Any community volunteer work is allowed to be added for review. Any other groups or teams you volunteer can be submitted for consideration. For example RACES/ARES, Ducks Ltd., any city commission, etc. Any non-compensated training you do or volunteer work you perform may be submitted.

Every member should sign-up and start to log all your community service.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER 101

Fire extinguishers are divided into 3 main categories, based on different types of fires:

Class A extinguishers are used for ordinary combustibles such as wood, rubber, cloth, plastic, and paper. The Class A label is in a triangle symbol on the extinguisher.

Class B extinguishers are used for flammable liquid fires such as oil, gasoline, paints, lacquers, grease, and solvents. The Class B label is in a square symbol on the extinguisher.

Class C extinguishers are used for electrical fires such as in wiring, fuse boxes, energized electrical equipment, and other electrical sources. A Class C label is in a circle symbol on the extinguisher.

Multipurpose fire extinguishers, labeled ABC, may be used on all three classes of fire, and are the most commonly recommended type to have around the house. Be sure your extinguisher label indicates it has been approved.

A red slash through any of the symbols means the extinguisher cannot be used on that class of fire. A missing symbol tells you only that the extinguisher has not been tested for that class of fire. If you are using the wrong type of extinguisher, you can endanger yourself and even make the fire worse.

In addition to the symbols, some newer extinguishers use small pictures that show the type of fire on which the extinguisher is effective.

You may need more than one fire extinguisher in your home. For example, you may want an extinguisher in the kitchen as well as one in the garage or workshop.

Fire extinguishers also have a numerical rating that serves as a guide for the amount of fire the extinguisher can handle. The higher the rating number, the more fire it can put out, but also the heavier the extinguisher is.

The A rating is a water equivalency rating. Each A is equivalent to 1 1/4 gallons of water. 4A = 5 gallons of water.

The B:C rating is equivalent to the amount of square footage that the extinguisher can cover, handled by a professional. 20 B:C = 20 square feet of coverage.

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THE MONTH IN REVIEW - CALL OUTS, DEPLOYMENTS, AND EVENTS

10/01 General Meeting - Equipment was handed out to members. Review of Disaster Training Event.
10/01 Fitzgerald Rec. Ctr. - Plaque Dedication
10/02 Buchanan Ave - Downed Wire in yard. Long call-out, multiple calls for member assistance awaiting DTE.
10/08 Fitzgerald Homecoming Parade
10/08 Hoover Rd - Downed Wire
10/11 Leason's Fundraiser
10/15 Harvest Treat
10/20 Bolam Ave Downed Wire in on Fence, wire is live.
10/20 Campbell Ave - Downed Wire, wire is in contact chain link fence at an unknown location. Fence is energized and smoldering at different locations.
10/21 Arden Ave -Down wire w/Transformer smoldering and flaming.
10/23 5K Zombie Race
10/31 Candy Check Fire Station 1

Thank you each and every member.

Your commitment to the CERT team and City of Warren is appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full details available at meetings, emails, and official CERT calendar

November F/A-CPR-AED Dates: November 12, 13 and 19, 2016 All members need to attend one of the classes to re-certify your credentials.

December 3 Saturday Tree Lighting

Mark Your Calendar—2017 General Meeting Dates:

February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, December 2

Make sure you subscribe to the official CERT calendar for the latest information and updates.

Sunday November 06 02:00 Change your clocks back!



Change your clock,



CHANGE your batteries

**Change your batteries later in the day...
Don't forget!!**

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IMPORTANT INFO

As the Director of our team I would like to take a moment to thank each and every member for you ongoing commitment and continued support. You're commitment allows our team to continue to support our city and its police, firefighters, and citizens!

I also need to thank our executive board, current and past. Without your continued dedication CERT would not be what nor where we are today!

Thank You!

Your executive board is looking for assistance. Would you like to opportunity to assist in planning, organization, or other duties to assist CERT? The board is accepting requests from members looking to get more involved with the team. Email your interest to execboard@warrencert.org

Please like our Facebook page [Facebook.com/wrncert](https://www.facebook.com/wrncert)

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors, about CERT.
Were always looking for good people.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER 101 - CONTINUED

As a rule, most fire experts recommend you have at least 1 extinguisher in your home with a 2-A:10-B:C rating. That means it will put out a Class A fire that would otherwise require 2-1/2 gal. of water; that it should put out a 10 ft² Class B fire when used by a novice firefighter; and that it works on electrical fires.

Disposable extinguishers, which run \$10–\$20, are typically made of plastic and lose pressure after about 10–12 years and must be discarded. Disposable extinguishers can only be used once, and must be replaced after use.

Rechargeable models, which run about \$50, can be refilled and pressurized after use and if they lose pressure. They're usually made of heavier, more durable materials, with metal head and discharge parts instead of the plastic found in most disposables. They should be serviced annually by a certified technician for pressure and defects.

Fight a fire with a fire extinguisher only when all of the following are true:

- ◆ Everyone has left or is leaving the house.
- ◆ The fire department has been called.
- ◆ The fire is small and confined to a small area and is not spreading.
- ◆ You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
- ◆ Your extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting and is in good working order.
- ◆ You are informed about use of the extinguisher and are confident that you can operate it effectively.

There is a simple acronym to remember to operate most fire extinguishers—**PASS**. This stands for **Pull**, **Aim**, **Squeeze**, and **Sweep**.

Pull the pin at the top of the cylinder. Some units require the releasing of a lock latch or pressing a puncture lever.

Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the handle while holding the extinguisher upright.

Sweep the contents from side to side at the base of the fire until it goes out.

When the fire is out, keep an eye on the area in case it reignites.

Install extinguishers in plain view, above the reach of children, near an escape route, and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Read your operator's manual, learn how to inspect your extinguisher, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for maintenance.

Make sure the extinguisher has enough pressure to operate. The pressure gauge is found near the handle. Usually an arrow points to a green area if there is enough pressure; it points to a red area if there is not.

Check for dents, punctures, and corrosion along the cylinder body, as well as for chipping, cracking, or crimping on the head and nozzle. If you find damage or signs of a leak, replace the unit.

Service rechargeable extinguishers after every use.

Used properly, a portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire, or containing it until the fire department arrives. While fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, the primary element is safe escape.

Make sure you have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

do thing

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don't know where to start, so they never start at all. With Do 1 Thing you can take small steps that make a big difference in an emergency.

Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

Warren CERT is proud to be a partner with do 1 thing. Every month we will be showcasing some of the information from do 1 thing for Individuals and Business's.

Goal for October: Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.

Individuals: Any emergency is easier to handle when you have prepared ahead of time.

Be Informed:

Emergency Supplies : Gather your emergency supplies in an accessible place.

Emergency Supplies : Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.

Emergency Supplies : Stash some cash in case ATMs and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/supplies>

Business: Make sure employees understand their role in a disaster and are equipped to respond safely and appropriately

Tasks: The disaster environment is fast-paced and stressful. Danger, adrenaline, and exhaustion can affect our ability to carry out critical tasks. Familiarizing your staff with emergency plans and procedures ahead of time through testing, training, and exercising can minimize danger and financial loss in a disaster.

Exercise : Train employees on their role in a disaster or emergency.

Exercise : Hold a drill or tabletop exercise to test emergency procedures.

Exercise : Offer additional safety and response training for staff members.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/exercise>

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<http://do1thing.com/>
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