



# CERT Newsletter

City of Indianapolis - Marion County

4th Quarter  
October - December



In observing this ten year anniversary of September 11, 2001, we honor those who lost their lives in this tragedy, those who lost their loved ones and also our Nation as a whole including our armed forces. We can ***honor the memory*** of those who were lost by making sure we are ready to respond to all types of disasters and emergencies. There is no better time to prepare than September, which is [National Preparedness Month](#) - a nationwide effort held to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.

**Thank you** for your continued participation in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - the initiative you demonstrate by being a CERT volunteer is very commendable. We hope the skills and information you learned will prove to be valuable in a variety of circumstances. If you've seen the news recently, you know that emergencies can happen unexpectedly in communities just like ours, to people like us.

## Latest News

- Including the graduating class from 8/27/11 (Welcome new graduates!), the total number of CERT volunteers in Marion County is 649.
- The next CERT training for Marion County residents is October 29th, November 5th, November 12th, and November 19th from 9:30 - 2:00 pm (45 min lunch break). Tell your friends, neighbors, and family to [Sign Up Here](#).
- Look for upcoming trainings to expand and refresh your base of knowledge - these trainings are currently being scheduled.
- The CERT National Program Office has updated the CERT basic training course to ensure that the materials are up-to-date and that the content is as clear as possible. The updated course files are available on the [national CERT website](#). The CERT National Office also has a [national newsletter available](#).



## Past/Upcoming Events

**6/23**  
22 Brightpoint, Inc. Graduates

**7/16**  
16 Marion County Graduates

**7/27**  
20 Shepherd Community Graduates

**8/27**  
16 Marion County Graduates

**9/13 - 9/15**  
Roche CERT Training  
24 Trainees

**10/29 - 11/19**  
Marion County CERT Training

As a **valued member** of Marion County CERT, you are strongly encouraged to participate as a volunteer throughout all of our initiatives and events – including Superbowl 2012.

- Volunteers are needed for the CERT disaster simulation this **Thursday, September 15th** from 9am -1pm (lunch will be provided). Please email Elia James ASAP at [Elia.James2@indy.gov](mailto:Elia.James2@indy.gov) if interested.
- We are seeking volunteers for the Department of Public Safety Community Walks. Come to these events to help us distribute flashlights, first aid kits, and informational flyers. The East District walk takes place **Saturday, September 17th** (10am - 12pm) and the North District walk takes place **Saturday, October 8th** (10am -12pm). Contact Elia James at [Elia.James2@indy.gov](mailto:Elia.James2@indy.gov) if interested in volunteering.
- Instructors are also needed for CERT training **October 12th-15th**. Instructors, please contact Steve Lyday at [lydaycert@gmail.com](mailto:lydaycert@gmail.com) if interested.

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*Thank you* for all of your effort. Your participation in [CERT](#) makes our community stronger and safer.

