



# NEWSLETTER

Tristate Disaster Volunteer Network

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March  
April  
2008

## Preparedness is Everyone's Business

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Tristate Medical Reserve Corps

##### New member orientation & training

Clermont County, Ohio

Tuesday, April 22, 2008 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Light Meal Provided** Public Invited

Information flyer and map at:

[www.clermontcitizencorps.org/](http://www.clermontcitizencorps.org/)

**Location:** Leming House, 5951 Buckwheat Rd  
Milford, Ohio 45150

**RSVP** to Carol Kisner 513-735-8412 [ckisner@co.clermont.oh.us](mailto:ckisner@co.clermont.oh.us)



#### New member orientation & training

Hamilton County, Ohio

Thursday, April 24 - 6:00-8:00 pm

**Location:** Norwood High School (in the mini auditorium)  
2020 Sherman Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45212

**RSVP:** Call or email Donna Laake - 458-4600 or  
[dlaake@norwoodhealth.org](mailto:dlaake@norwoodhealth.org)



#### Volunteer Reception Center

##### Operations training, Public Invited

Clermont County, Ohio

Date: April 26, 2008 10 am - 1:00 pm

**Location:** Union Township Civic Center (Queen City Room)  
4350 Aicholtz Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45245

Information flyer and map at:

[www.clermontcitizencorps.org/](http://www.clermontcitizencorps.org/)

**Contact:** Joe Pravetz

E-mail: [VRC@ClermontCitizenCorps.org](mailto:VRC@ClermontCitizenCorps.org)

Ph 513-677-8007

Additional info at: [www.ClermontCitizenCorps.org/vrc](http://www.ClermontCitizenCorps.org/vrc)



### SPOTLIGHT



**East Fork State Park Volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue** is a small organization with a big name and a bigger mission near Cincinnati in South West Ohio. Founded in 1994 as a way to use equine skills to support the local community, they have grown to an active membership in excess of 40. They are deployed several times each year at the request of law enforcement agencies.

The group has had enjoyed considerable success because:

- A horse can move more quickly and further than a searcher on foot enabling a faster search than an un-mounted searcher.
- Horses can transport more gear than people can.
- Horses are quieter than ATVs and the rider can easily hear people calling out for help. Horses can travel places ATVs cannot, i.e. over downed trees, through narrow areas.
- Horses provide the rider with a tremendous field of vision. If you're on the ground you can't see nearly as far as you can when mounted on top of a horse.

**Become a member:** Minimum requirements are to maintain a current CPR certification, maintain a current 1st Aid certification, attend 70% of monthly meetings, attend annual classes for: Orientation, Map, Compass, and GPS Reading, Crime Scene Preservation, Search Techniques, Formation Riding, Mock Search, be at least 18 years old, participate in all training classes, maintain all required equipment.

**Don't Ride?** They need members to man the command post and support the riders!

Learn more at : <http://ef-msar.org/>

Contact them at : [info@ef-msar.org](mailto:info@ef-msar.org)

The East Fork State Park Volunteer Mounted Search and Rescue can only be activated by certified Law Enforcement Agencies in concurrence with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources State Park System, East Fork State Park.

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National Weather Service - OHIO SPOTTER TRAINING

[TRAINING SCHEDULE](#)

COUNTY	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	CONTACT
Hamilton County	American Red Cross, Blue Ash Office, 10870 Kenwood Rd.	April 4	7:00 pm	<a href="http://www.warn.org">www.warn.org</a>
Hamilton, Oh	Sharonville Community Center Meeting room, 10990 Thornview Dr.	April 8	6:30 pm	513-563-2895
Kenton, Ky	Crescent Springs City Building, 739 Buttermilk Pike	April 9	7:00 pm	EMA, 859-392-1480
Clermont, Oh	Miami Township Civic Center, 6101 Meijer Dr. Milford	April 10	6:30 pm	EMA, 513-732-7661

**Tri-State CART**

**Animal Emergency Service Training**

by: American Humane Assn.  
Owensville, Ohio 45160

May 24 & 25 2008 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Contact: Bonnie Morrison Public Invited

E-mail: [dancnfeet@hotmail.com](mailto:dancnfeet@hotmail.com)  
Ph 513-604-5509

Web site: [www.tristatecart.com/](http://www.tristatecart.com/)  
Information flyer at:  
[www.clermontcitizen corps.org/training.htm](http://www.clermontcitizen corps.org/training.htm)



**CERT100 Train-the-Instructor**

April 12/13, Lancaster, Ohio, (Fairfield County)  
[Information here](#)

This two-day course prepares students to organize and teach the basic CERT Course (FEMA Course G317) by demonstrating instructional methods and familiarizing students with the eight instructional modules of that course. The course also covers basic considerations for developing and implementing a CERT program. Those completing this CERT Train-the-Instructor course will be provided copies of all FEMA CERT materials in hardcopy and electronically on CD-ROM and a well-equipped CERT kit.

**Miami Township CERT** Clermont County

CERT training classes  
Class 2 June 13, 21 & 28  
Class 3 August 29, 30 & September 13  
Class 4 October 31, November 1 & 2

Details and online registration at:  
[www.miamitwpoh.gov/fireems/cert/cert.htm](http://www.miamitwpoh.gov/fireems/cert/cert.htm)

**Location:** Miami Township Fire/EMS, 5888 McPicken Dr.

Milford, Ohio 45150  
Contact: Lee Hines  
E-mail: [lee.hines@miamitwpoh.gov](mailto:lee.hines@miamitwpoh.gov)



**Green Township CERT**

Program: Weather training  
by: Steve Raleigh from Channel 9

Open to the public  
When: April 22nd at 7:30pm  
Location: Nathaniel Green Lodge, 6394 Wesselman Rd.  
Cincinnati, Oh 45248  
Contact: Mike Scherer  
Email: [mscherer@greentwp.org](mailto:mscherer@greentwp.org)  
Phone: 513-574-4111



**Check Out**

**Cincinnati-Hamilton County Dept. of Homeland Security**  
on the web site. [DisasterVolunteerNetwork.org](http://DisasterVolunteerNetwork.org)

Normally their courses are for the professional responders. When they have courses that may not be full they have offered the remaining seats to CERT trained citizens and to Amateur Radio Operators.

Contact Barry Web at [Barry.Webb@hamilton-co.org](mailto:Barry.Webb@hamilton-co.org)  
Fax registration to 513-263-8095  
Great Oaks Institute of Technology  
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Sharonville, Ohio 45241

**ABOUT US**

Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter from the Tristate Disaster Volunteer Network, an e-newsletter distributed from the Clermont County Citizen Corps. A hard copy is available on web site.

Serving the Greater Cincinnati and Tristate area, the DVN provides a directory (available on web site) for disaster preparedness and response volunteer organizations and a common distribution channel for the announcement of your organization's drills, exercises, training and meetings.

The DVN encourages the sharing and networking of preparedness and response information among the various Tristate disaster response groups and with the public.

Send announcements for your volunteer disaster preparedness or response organization to  
[DVNnews@ClermontCitizenCorps.org](mailto:DVNnews@ClermontCitizenCorps.org)