



Hyattsville-Gateway
Community Emergency Response Team
Agenda

Date: 19 Aug 2026

Location: 4310 Gallatin St, Hyattsville, MD 20781

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. New Committee and OMA Procedures - Office of the City Clerk (Jen Twiford)
4. Upcoming CERT Trainings and Regional Business
5. CERT Outlook Plan
6. Wrap Up
7. Adjourn

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Good morning, Team,

As we continue strengthening our CERT program, we would like us to move forward with a more strategic, organized, and collaborative approach. Our goal is to ensure that our activities align with the needs of the City of Hyattsville while increasing member participation and our visibility within the community.

Please plan to attend our upcoming planning meeting:

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Hyattsville City Hall

Your participation is important as we will discuss and develop the following three areas:

1. Committee Plan

Each committee will develop a roadmap identifying priorities, responsibilities, and measurable goals.

Next 3 Months

- Establish committee goals and priorities.
- Confirm committee members, leadership, and responsibilities.
- Identify immediate needs and initiatives.
- Establish a consistent communication and meeting structure.

Next 6 Months

- Implement committee initiatives.
- Evaluate participation and progress.
- Strengthen collaboration between committees.
- Identify additional community partnerships and resources.

Next 9 Months

- Expand successful programs and partnerships.
- Review outcomes and identify areas needing improvement.
- Begin planning priorities for the following year.

Next 12 Months

- Conduct an annual review of accomplishments.
- Evaluate membership, recruitment, projects, and community impact.
- Recognize member contributions.
- Establish goals for the next year.

2. Recruitment Plan

Our recruitment efforts will intentionally target **youth, adults, and seniors** to create a diverse and sustainable CERT membership.

Youth

- Partner with schools, youth programs, and community organizations.
- Promote CERT as an opportunity for leadership, volunteerism, and emergency preparedness.

Adults

- Conduct outreach through neighborhood associations, businesses, faith-based organizations, and community events.
- Highlight opportunities to serve the community and develop emergency preparedness skills.

Seniors

- Partner with senior centers and congregate living facilities.
- Provide opportunities for seniors to participate based on their interests, experience, and abilities.

3. Project Plan

For starters, we will focus our efforts on two community projects:

File of Life Initiative

- Focus initially on the five congregate facilities in and around Hyattsville.
- Expand the program to the community at large.
- Educate residents about keeping important medical and emergency information readily available for first responders.

Business Outreach Initiative

- Develop relationships with businesses throughout Hyattsville.
- Offer safety awareness and emergency preparedness education.
- Coordinate opportunities for **first aid and Narcan training** for employees and staff.
- Encourage businesses to become active partners in building a safer and better-prepared community.

This meeting will give us an opportunity to discuss these ideas together, establish responsibilities, hear everyone's recommendations, and determine realistic timelines for moving forward.

Please make every effort to attend on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM at Hyattsville City Hall. Every member's perspective is valuable, and our success will depend on all of us working together with a shared vision and purpose.

Thank you for your continued commitment to CERT and to serving the Hyattsville community. I look forward to seeing everyone and working together to move our team forward.

Best,

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Team Leader

Hyattsville CERT

"People will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did,
But people will never forget how you made them feel".
-Maya Angelou"