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2022 Skywarn Storm Spotter Training

This year the National Weather Service is hosting several virtual Skywarn Trainings. It is recommended that you refresh every three years, but there is no harm in going back through. If you do attend please make sure to email cburd@whitfieldcountyga.com so your training hours can be logged.

Virtual Skywarn Spotter Training Weather Forecast Office
Atlanta, GA
weather.gov/ffc

Spring 2022 Classes

NWS Peachtree City/Atlanta will host three (3) virtual / basic spotter training classes for north & central Georgia. If interested, please choose a date below and register (refer to our local Skywarn page for more details)

Basic Spotter Training - Class Schedule:
all classes are virtual

- Tuesday, March 1st / 6:00-8:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 16th / 6:00-8:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 22nd / 6:00-8:00 PM




For more information, including how to register, please visit our local Skywarn web page: www.weather.gov/ffc/skywarnsched

NWSAtlanta weather.gov/ffc

February Training

Our February training was Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) presented by Tim Reeve with Georgia Emergency Management Agency. This class is one we're honored to host every year and have added to our basic class as well. Mr. Reeve teaches you to apply these same concepts to more than just an active shooter situation because as we know attacks are not just limited to gun violence. If you missed out on this training there is a great FEMA Independent Study class to get the wheels turning until our next offering.





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Featured FEMA Independent Study Course– IS-907: Active Shooter: What You Can Do

All employees can help prevent and prepare for potential active shooter situations. This course provides guidance to individuals, including managers and employees, so that they can prepare to respond to an active shooter situation.

This course is not written for law enforcement officers, but for non-law enforcement employees. The material may provide law enforcement officers information on recommended actions for non-law enforcement employees to take should they be confronted with an active shooter situation.

Course Objectives:

1. Describe actions to take when confronted with an active shooter and responding law enforcement officials.
2. Recognize potential workplace violence indicators.
3. Describe actions to take to prevent and prepare for potential active shooter incidents.

Describe how to manage the consequences of an active shooter incident.

If you choose to take this class please make sure you send a copy of your certificate to cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com.



Whitfield County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Calling all industry personnel– whether you are a business owner or a member of your employer’s safety team, our LEPC could use your input. We meet every other month to discuss different happenings centered around hazardous materials in our community. Our mission is to enhance the protection of the community and the environment from hazardous materials incidents and all other hazards through planning, preparation and communication between citizens, business, industry and government. Email lepc@whitfieldcountyga.com with any questions or comments.

HAVE A STORY TO TELL? WERE YOU INVOLVED IN A CERT IN ACTION MOMENT? WERE NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE FAMILY? DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A PROGRAM OR EARN A DEGREE? EMAIL [CBYRD@WHITFIELDCOUNTYGA.COM](mailto:cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com) FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!



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Operation Round Up

It's finally here! Last fall we were one of the fortunate ones who received the Operation Round Up grant from North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation. For those of you who have heard the story I apologize, but for those who haven't this is a special project. During the Murray County tornado of 2020 Christina Byrd was on the ground with her then CERT team and found a gap in our shelter planning for emergency management as a whole. We have partnerships for disaster shelters, but what about the time between the storm clearing and those partners being able to deploy? There were walking wounded being dropped off by first responders who needed treatment or cleaned up from dust and debris. There were children who had no bottles, sippy cups, or even diapers and wipes. It's hard to prepare mentally for that situation and something she wouldn't have appreciated until she went through it first hand. While some things are hard to store (clothing, formula, etc.) there are a few things we can keep on hand to make it better. With the \$1,500 from ORU we were able to get:

- * 10 Medical Jump Bags
- * 1 pack each of sizes 1-4 diapers
- * 3 packs of baby wipes
- * 100 toiletry kits
- * 4 baby care basics kits
- * 6 nasal aspirators
- * 18 disposable changing pads
- * 14 receiving blankets
- * 16 pacifiers
- * 12 bottles with two sizes of nipples
- * 94 sensory fidgets
- * 10 burp cloths
- * 32 disposable bibs
- * 10 forks and spoons
- * 8 sippy cups
- * 3 moisture resistant storage tubs

CERT Volunteer David Senters was able to also secure a donation from his employer Controlled Products of additional fidgets (bottom left). Thanks David!





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Place of Worship and Small Business Safety Seminars

This year we've taken on two new community classes for worship and business leaders. These classes will teach some of the same concepts you've learned in your basic cert class with a few more specific classes like how to write a disaster plan. We certainly encourage you to attend if either of these categories apply to you, but we also ask for your help to spread the word. As of today we already have 20 out of 50 seats filled for the church class in May.



Whitfield County EMA Presents:

2022 PLACE OF WORSHIP SAFETY SEMINAR

When your congregation is looking to you- will you know what to do?

In these unprecedented times, safety is a large part of the role of faith leaders. When the unthinkable happens are you prepared to guide your place of worship? Join us as we go over the below topics:

- Disaster Planning
- Active Shooter Events
- Sheltering
- Disaster Psychology and Resiliency
- Stop the Bleed Training
- Praise and Preparedness

May 14, 2022 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM

Carolyn Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
2305 Cleveland Highway
Dalton, GA 30721

Seats are limited to 50 participants. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/220394343626152> to register.

For more information contact Christina Byrd at 706-259-3730 or email cbyrd@whitfieldcountyga.com



Whitfield County EMA Presents:

2022 SMALL BUSINESS SAFETY SEMINAR

When your employees are looking to you- will you know what to do?

In these unprecedented times, workplace safety is a large part of the role of employers. When the unthinkable happens are you prepared to guide your team? Join us as we go over the below topics:

- Disaster Planning
- Active Shooter Events
- Epilepsy Awareness
- Event Psychology and Resiliency
- Stop the Bleed Training
- Risk Assessment

August 24, 2022 8 AM- 5 PM

Edwards Park
115 Edwards Park Dalton, GA
30721

Seats are limited to 50 participants. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/220444907101142> to register.

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