

A Message from the Mayor

Dear Coalition Members,

Milford citizens volunteer their talents in an array of venues. Our volunteers with the MRC/Coalition are constantly planning and preparing for events that we hope will never occur in our community. Therefore, the rewards of this volunteer endeavor must be extracted from the knowledge that your continued involvement in our preparedness plans is providing a very important service to all the citizens of Milford. We have all seen the results of communities that have not been prepared. Milford is working very hard to ensure that our response to any type of disaster will be coordinated and well planned. You remain a very important part of the plan and I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I appreciate every hour that you spend preparing to respond to the needs of our community. As our emergency planning continues locally and regionally I hope you will continue to be an active participant. Please continue educating your families, neighbors and co-workers regarding the importance of a family emergency plan and supply kit.

Sincerely,
James L. Richetelli, Jr.
Mayor of Milford



Citywide Volunteer Meetings

All volunteers are encouraged to attend the two meetings at the designated emergency sites. Volunteers will be able to familiarize themselves with the emergency sites and plans. At this time, an updated will be given regarding local and regional planning.

April 1 Foran H.S. 6:30-8:30 PM
May 22 J.Law H.S. 6:30-8:30 PM

Volunteer Training Update

All volunteers are requested to obtain an ID badge, if you do not already have one, and complete a fitting for an N-95 respiratory mask. These masks will be necessary if we are to respond to a respiratory emergency clinic such as Pandemic Flu.

All volunteers are requested to attend the basic Incident Command Structure ICS-100 class. If you have not had an opportunity to attend one of these sessions held in the past, please notify Tara Mustakos or Loretta Toomey. We would like to get an idea of how many volunteers are still in need of this training. This training is important for volunteers to understand the Incident Command Structure (ICS) and to whom they will report to in an emergency.

Milford Coalition for Community Preparedness

Calendar of Events: Mar.-May 2008

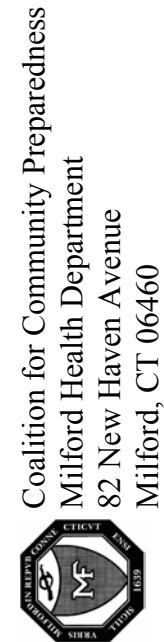
Event	Location	Date	Time
Citywide Volunteer Meeting	Foran High School	Tuesday 4/1	6:30-8:30 PM
Emergency Call-Down	Milford Health Department	Tuesday Wed. 5/6-5/7	N/A
Citywide Volunteer Meeting	Law High School	Thursday 5/22	6:30-8:30 PM

TRAIN Connecticut

TRAIN Registration Session

Attention all volunteers!!!

If you have not yet been able to access the CT Train website, or are having difficulties with the functionality of CT Train PLEASE make an effort to attend one of the two upcoming All-Volunteer meetings. We will have a step-by-step CT Train 101 session! Volunteers having any complications or general questions about use of the site will have an opportunity to ask questions and get assistance creating a user account. This is an excellent training opportunity.



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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



Milford's second Community Emergency Response Team has completed training. This program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, team organization, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue and disaster psychology.

Congratulations to our CERT members:

Veronica Carter RN
Brian Carson
Donna Doxey-McGrew APRN
Brooks Kenton
Sheri Filanowski RN
Bill Kallert
Alice Mc Cloghry
Tim Brandon
Elizabeth Mackey
Dean Craft
Chandra Rajaram
John Conte
Bill Davis
Jonathan Garcia
Larry Hartshorn
Patrick Haray
Denice Haray
Khairunissa Nadirali

Spotlight on A Volunteer

Barbara Hilli

Barbara was born in Bridgeport and grew up in Shelton and Trumbull before settling in Milford. A member of the first graduating class of Trumbull High School in 1962, she has the distinction of naming the school yearbook the Trumbull Trillium. Barbara received her undergraduate degree from Simmons College in Boston and her graduate degrees from Reed College in Portland, Oregon and Syracuse University. Barbara began her first of many volunteer endeavors with a two year stint with the Peace Corps in Iloilo City, the Philippines, teaching Biology and Methods of Teaching Science.

For the next 33 years Barbara taught Chemistry at Stratford High School earning the State of Connecticut Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching in 1987, and the "Teacher of the Year" Award in Stratford in 1994. During these years Barbara volunteered for the Nature Conservancy working in the Bald Eagle and Piping Plover Programs and at the CT Audubon Coastal Center as a ranger. For over 20 years she has given her time to the Literacy Center of Milford and has worked for the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport for six years. In March of 2003, she joined the Milford Coalition. Since that time, Barbara has participated in all of our exercises and graduated from the first CERT class in spring 2007. Since retiring in

2002, Barbara has also been teaching at Housatonic Community College as well as working in the chemistry laboratory.

Barbara enjoys traveling, hiking with friends and family and is going to Tuscany, Italy to study Art this May. She reports that she tries to stay in shape so she can keep up with all of her activities by swimming a mile every day at the YMCA. Since becoming a CERT member she has been able to help her family and friends using her first aid knowledge.

Milford is a small city. One of the things that make it very special is volunteers such as Barbara who are willing to help make a difference in her community.

Spring Call-Down Drill

Volunteers are needed to participate in our emergency call-down drill. All of our volunteers are notified by phone and contact information is updated at this time. Our next call down will be held in May. Please call Tara Mustakos at the health department if you'd like to sign up in advance.

New Volunteer Forms

The Milford Coalition for Community Preparedness has emerged significantly in the past year. New developments include the training of two fully functional Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and earning national recognition as the Milford Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

Along with receiving MRC status, comes the responsibility of knowing what our volunteer capabilities are and being able to track this information. **New volunteer participation forms have been developed to reflect Medical Reserve Corps requirements. It is important that ALL volunteers with continued interest in the Coalition fill out a new form**, not only to reflect MRC standards; but to reflect your participation in our efforts of public health emergency preparedness for the City of Milford.

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