

CERT leadership team update 11-27-2023

* The CERT leadership team's recent meeting included guest speakers Emergency Manager Stacie Aloisio & Deputy Emergency Manager Mike Nevarez from the City of North Port. Among the various topics, they shared how one can start their own CERT certification to anyone who wishes to take 2 online courses or if we have enough residents interested, Stacie Aloisio can facilitate in person training for those curriculum at our Community Center on a date to be determined. Being a CERT volunteer **does not** require attaining this certification.

*Congratulations to Bob Duemmel, Jeff Brall & Terry Gravitt for attaining their CERT certifications. Requirements for this achievement include 2 online courses mentioned above plus 3 full days of in person training. Their greatest take away from this experience was how vital a buddy system is and the importance of regular practice sessions should there be a need for a CERT team to go into action.

* Sarasota County will be hosting a CERT meeting on January 27th at their EOC starting at 9 am. Our team has been invited to attend.

* Our first set of meetings for our Bobcat Trail CERT volunteers are set for Saturday December 2nd @ 9 am or Wednesday December 6th @ 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend, please choose which meeting works best for your schedule.

* Should you have any questions, please feel free to email us at Bobcatcert1@outlook.com