



Trish Billings

Since 2012, Trish Billings is both the Milton Township Receptionist and CERT Class Facilitator.

Her career began as a Police Volunteer in 2007 in Carol Stream and she graduated from the CS Citizen Police Academy in 2006 and was among the 18 graduates of the very first CERT class in November 2009.

Served as the CS CPA Alumni as Secretary 2008 - 2009 and President 2009 - 2010.

Graduated from Milton Township CERT Team in May 2010 (Class DAVID).

When Trish is not working or volunteering for CERT, Trish enjoys spending time with husband Mike, her friends, running, obstacle course racing, concerts and having FUN!

Trish will provide an overview of CERT course schedule, content and ways to get involved.

CERT SYLLABUS

Disaster Preparedness – prepare your home and your family members before and during a disaster (also local laws governing volunteers)

Fire Suppression – covers fire chemistry, hazardous materials, fire hazards and fire suppression strategies (hands on training on using a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire, and turning off utilities)

Medical Operations Part I – practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques (the ABC's of Medical Treatment)

Medical Operations Part II – evaluating patients with a head to toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area and performing basic first aid (until professional medical help arrives)

Light Search and Rescue Operations – search and rescue planning, situational assessment, search techniques, rescue techniques and rescuer safety

Disaster Psychology – how to recognize signs and symptoms that might be experienced by the disaster victims and workers

CERT Organization and Management – organize/lead the team to set up operations until someone more skilled can take over

Mock Disaster Drill – students report to and engage the skills from the course as alumni and volunteer victims provide realism