

Happy February.

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**CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS**

*Clinton CERT*

**Monthly Meeting,**

**February 20, 2016**

**9am – 10:30am**

District V Police Station  
6707 Groveton Drive  
Clinton, MD 20735

Next meeting: March 19!  
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6707 Groveton Drive  
Clinton, MD 20735.

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plates? Contact us at  
Clinton.Maryland.CERT  
Team@gmail.com .*



**Cost?!? \$35.00!!!**

**Clinton CERT Holds Elections**

Clinton CERT recently held elections this past January. Re-elected as President, Paula Hughes. Newly-elected as Vice President, Barry Schlossberg. And, re-elected as Treasurer, Debby Mathis.

Appointed Board positions include:

**Training Officer,** Richard Kline

**Community Outreach Officer,** Davitta Ealy

**MultiCultural Officer,** Elida Howe

**Safety Liaison Officer,** Ray Butler.



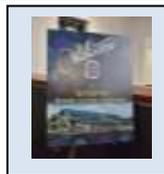
**Clinton CERT Member Honoree**  
**Mr. Raymond Butler**

Mr. Butler, formerly Vice President of Clinton CERT, is honored to stay on the Board of the team. His new position is Safety Liaison Officer, in which his responsibilities will be to foster inter-active relationships with the Police, Fire & EMS departments in the county of Prince George's, Maryland.



Ray has been on the Clinton CERT team for nine years and is looking forward to helping Clinton CERT continue to move forward and become a more effective force multiplier for the county and for the NCR (National Capital Region). Ray ~ Thank you for your service!

**PGPD, District 7, Opens a new 19,000 sq. ft. Building in December**



Photos courtesy of Maurice Fitzgerald

**I.R.S.?** Yes, only 2 ½ months until **taxes are due on April 18<sup>th</sup>**, not the 15<sup>th</sup> as previously written.

## FREE Basic CERT Training Class ~ En Español

The next Basic CERT Training class will be held on Saturday AND Sunday, April 2nd & 3rd, 2016.

### WHEN

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 from  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM AND,  
Sunday, April 3rd, 2016 from  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### WHERE

Prince George's County  
Emergency Operation Center  
7915 Anchor Street, Landover, MD  
20785 - [View Map](#)

Miembros de la comunidad Emergency Response Team (CERT) ayudan a sus comunidades a mitigar los efectos de desastres durante las primeras 72 horas. En incidentes graves como inundaciones, incendios y otros en que los que los sistemas de comunicaciones no permiten el acceso de socorristas de emergencia profesionales. El propósito del entrenamiento CERT es proporcionar a los ciudadanos las habilidades básicas que se necesitan en estos casos. Les enseña a manejar todas sus necesidades y a responder en sus comunidades. El programa CERT es un programa oficial de la Agencia Federal del manejo de emergencias (FEMA) y es patrocinado por la Oficina de Seguridad Nacional (OHS) y la oficina de manejo de Emergencias del Condado de Prince George (OEM). Al asistir a estas clases de entrenamiento CERT, usted aprenderá las habilidades para ayudar a salvar vidas y proteger la propiedad. Al final del entrenamiento, se le presentará un certificado de finalización.

Register on Eventbrite at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pgc-and-iacl-basic-cert-training-002-tickets>

Muchas Gracias!

## Lessons Learned from #Blizzard2016

*Check your generator and generator fuel supply periodically throughout the year and make sure the generator starts. If your generator is locked in a shed, know where the key is stored.*



I learned from another snow storm that snow weighs down my evergreen bushes. This year I shoved a trash can under one to stop the bush from bending to the ground.



Next major snowfall, I will use two trash cans: big win for the two bushes. The bush to the left of the can is bent way down.



Establish and test a plan to check in with your remote employees to make sure they are adequately supported and all are able to continue maintaining productivity.



**Lesson Learned:**  
Sign my teens up for the:  
[Basic Teen CERT Class](#), June 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, at the new PGC EOC, 7915 Anchor Street, Landover, MD 20785.

Working from home is not always as easy as it sounds.



From IT security issues, decreased productivity and loss of billable hours, trying to resolve these issues in the midst of a storm will prove difficult. Prepare and test your strategy ahead of time and aim to ensure a seamless transition.

Forgot to stock-up on bird seed for my feeders. Poor birds. We saw them looking for their food. We put bread out on folding chairs.



*Prepare ahead of time. I was NO where near a store because I already had canned foods, bottled H2O, playing cards, toilet paper, a cord of wood, kitty litter, and lots of extra batteries. Not me. No way would I be caught in a long line, ever again, unprepared. 😊*

Follow your instinct. I should have placed a long wide board up against the stairs going down to the basement and a board close to the heating unit. Snow drifted up to five feet in the stairs. I could not open the back door. So, I trudged around to open the gate: the gate opens inward, but snow was on the both sides of the gate. Leave a 6-foot wooden gate open so you can get in/out. (if safe to do so)



The elderly, diabetics, those with access & functional needs, and families and neighbors should come together to create a support system. Read: *The Importance of Being Prepared for a Natural Disaster* in the New York Times.  
<http://ow.ly/XcdiT>

Did you avoid the Second Shovel!?!?

## If Your Home Loses Power or Heat for an Extended Period

If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter, IF you can get there safely.

Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) for the nearest shelter in your area (e.g., SHELTER 20472). Bring any personal items that you would need to spend the night, like toiletries, medicines, and IDs. Take extra precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers, wear boots, mittens, and a hat.

### VIDEO:

How to Make a Fire with Your Tennis Shoe  
<http://howtomakefirewithyourshoe>

For the latest information and emergency updates, please go to [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov) and sign up for Alert Prince George's. (The service is free. Text message rates may apply by your carrier.)

## TEEN CERT CORNER

*Katrina Blair*

What's up, CERT team? In last month's article I talked about all the rain, but this month I would like to talk about ALL THIS SNOW!! I learned that when you go out to play, wear layers and don't sit down too long in the snow. My brother Raynard learned this the hard way. We were having a snowball fight with our friends. I guess he fell down a few too many times because he couldn't feel his legs after a while. We helped him get up and inside so that he could change into warm, dry clothes. It's important to warm up slowly and not too fast.

Another thing is that if you are shoveling or playing, don't go out by yourself. If you have to go out by yourself or if you live alone, make sure you either have your cell phone with you or you go out when your neighbors are out shoveling, in case of a fall. Remember: stay warm, stay safe, and stay AWESOME! CERT out!

### 2016 Martin Luther King Day

The 2016 Martin Luther King Day is in the books. Hundreds marched to *Stop The Violence* in Prince George's County, MD. The event was lead by Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene Grant. He was accompanied by county residents, state & county leadership, and the county police department while all braved frigid cold temperatures and gusty winds to march around FEDEX Field in Landover, MD.

Around the country, people collected and distributed food; beautified and cleaned public spaces; and, refurbished, weatherized, and built homes. Social media messages helped #MLKDay trend on Twitter, generating more than 3 BILLION impressions during the holiday.

Great work by all.

Photos courtesy of Maurice Fitzgerald



Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene Grant Addresses the Crowd

#### CERTs in Action



Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene Grant and Interim Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski (center) with state leaders.



Did you take the time to shovel around your fire hydrants?  
Did you clear a 3' by 3' area around the hydrant, to the curb?

The home you save may be your own.

<http://newyork.cbslocal.com.2016.fire-hydrant-cleared>