

Hello Chicago CERT(Community Emergency Response Team)!

http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/oem/provdrs/edu/svcs/become_a_cert_volunteer.html

Today, the White House announced the very first *America's PrepareAthon Day of Action*, a nationwide, community-based campaign to increase emergency preparedness and resilience through participation in hazard-specific drills, group discussions and exercises conducted at the national level every spring. Chicago CERT joins in honoring America's PrepareAthon Day, emphasizing an important mantra: **"Be Smart, Take Part, and Prepare for Disasters."**

In honor of celebrating our participation and commitment to disaster preparedness, disaster education and disaster mitigation, Chicago CERT is sending you the hyperlink to **three primary disaster prevention communication documents**. The three documents you will find to download include:

- 1) A personal emergency phone contact list, as you may not have access to your smartphone during times of need, and you are encouraged to write down your top three phone numbers to keep in your wallet or purse.**
- 2) Your family's own personal communications plan, encouraging you to keep your personal, medical, and legal papers in one place, granting you the option to evacuate without worrying about gathering your family's critical documents at the last minute.**
- 3) A list of essential items for your own personal disaster kit.**

All documents are also available by clicking on the hyperlink <http://gearupgetready.org/>. By having a family communications plan, you can feel confident that everyone in your family is able to communicate with each other and knows what steps to take to prepare.

Fifty percent of Americans have not discussed or developed an emergency plan for family members. Building a resilient Nation requires the involvement of the whole community working together to increase individual and community preparedness.

Join us as we continue our commitment to our fellow CERTies and our community. We encourage you to forward this email and link (<http://gearupgetready.org/>) to your family, friends and co-workers. You never know when you could play a role in saving someone's life!

Thanks for All That You Do!

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