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CARE Program

Responders know the challenges posed by caring for those with functional needs or mobility limitations. One of the biggest challenges is simply identifying those who may need extra help during a crisis.

Those who need special assistance during a disaster or evacuation can alert local responders of that need before emergencies. The CARE (Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies) program allows the elderly, people with limited mobility, or those who require specialized medical equipment to get extra help during a disaster.

Here's how it works:

- CARE registrants, or representatives assisting them, submit their information to CARE using an online (https://e911.vermont.gov/care) or paper registration form.
    - CARE is not intended for residents in assisted living, or other long-term care facility, as such a facility would have its own emergency response procedures in place.
- Vermont 911 will verify the data, and a CARE icon will display on the map used by 911 call-takers.
    - The icon identifies the location of the registered address of the CARE registrant and their needs for assistance.
- **In the event of a wide-scale emergency, responders may request data for CARE registrants in the impacted area, allowing the responders to plan and provide appropriate assistance. In order to avoid duplicate requests for the same information, local response agencies and Municipal Emergency Management Directors, (EMDs), must discuss the need for the information and decide who will make the request.**
    - Police/Fire/EMS
        - Will ask their dispatch agency to contact the PSAP for CARE data.
    - Municipal EMDs
        - Will ask the VEM Watch Officer to contact the PSAP for CARE data.
- Vermont 911 will produce a report of the requested CARE data and send it, via secure email, to the dispatch agency or Watch Officer for forwarding to the responder/EMD.
    - The report will include the name, home address, phone number, and particular needs of the registrant. Additional information, if provided, may include the name, phone, and/or email of an alternate contact.
- CARE data may be requested up to 72 hours in advance of an expected event.
- CARE data is confidential and will only be shared with emergency responders and 911.

NOTE: Registration in CARE does not guarantee a person's safety. It is the registrant's responsibility to call 911 if they have an emergency and need medical, police or fire responders. CARE is a tool designed to assist responders to potentially provide special assistance in the event of a wide-scale emergency. How and when the information in the CARE program is used is solely the responsibility of emergency responders.

If you have questions about the CARE program or about registration, call the Enhanced 911 Board at 800-342-4911.

Dawn Anderson of Vermont 911 briefs local responders and officials about the CARE program at the Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference

Federal Procurement Training

Vermont Emergency Management will host three sessions of federal procurement in the month of November. The succinctly titled "Procurement Under FEMA Awards: Requirements for Recipients and Sub recipients When Procuring Services and Supplies with Funding under Stafford Act Grant Programs" will take place in Mendon, White River Junction, and Waterbury.

The two-hour training is critical for state and local emergency management personnel, and private non-profit entities who procure services that may be reimbursable under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program. FEMA estimates that approximately 90% of all Public Assistance (PA) grant funds are expended through recipient and subrecipient procurements. Audits by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) have found that FEMA disaster recipients and subrecipients have difficulty complying with applicable Federal procurement standards.

This course seeks to address this area of concern by working with applicants and FEMA PA staff in advance of procurement actions to minimize, reduce, or eliminate common non-compliance issues that routinely result in recommendations and actions to deobligate disaster assistance funds that would otherwise be eligible for full reimbursement.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

November 13: 1-3pm, VTrans District 3 - Mendon Conference Room Distrcit 3 office (61 Valley View)

November 14: 10-noon VTrans District 4 - White River Junction District 4 office (223 Beswick Drive)

November 14: 2-4pm, State Emergency Operations Center in Waterbury (45 State Drive) (Note that photo ID is required for building access at this location.)

The sessions are free. You should register through the state's Learning Management System: https://vermont.csod.com.

For those towns that may not have an account, or have questions about the registration process can contact Brittany Marquette, State Training Administrator at DPS.EMHSTraining@vermont.gov

For more information on the training contact Vermont Emergency Management Public Assistance Officer Kim Canarecci at kim.canarecci@vermont.gov.

Some content of this article comes from: https://www.fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team

Mitigation Funds Available

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers annual, non-disaster mitigation funding through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant programs. Your community can get help with the application process by contacting Vermont Emergency Management State Hazard Mitigation Officer Lauren Oates at lauren.oates@vermont.gov.

Unlike HMGP, the applications for these two grant programs must be completed online and require a passcode from VEM - The State of Vermont code for a subgrantee is S50. Please visit www.vem.vermont.gov/funding/mitigation for more information and application instructions; applications for FMA and PDM 2019 must be submitted by Wednesday, January 8th, 2020.

VEM booth at VLCT Town Fair October 3rd. Look for us at events like this for information on services and grants for town preparedness and resilience!

VEM Training Schedule

Register via the Vermont Learning Management System.

October 2019

VEM Situational Awareness Section Training (SEOC Staff ONLY)
October 15, 8:00—10:30 a.m.
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

Advanced Evaluator
October 21 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness— PART 1 of 4: Critical Infrastructure Certificate
October 29 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

November 2019

G0191 - ICS EOC Interface
November 2 8:30 a.m.—3:30PM
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

Federal Procurement
November 13 1:00—3:30 p.m.
VTrans District 3, Mendon

Federal Procurement
November 14 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
VTrans District 4, White River Junction

Federal Procurement
November 14 2:00—4:00 p.m.
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

All-Hazards Communications Technician (COMT) Course
November 18-22 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
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Registration Information: Candidates interested in attending this should send an email with the course title, location, and completion certificates for the prerequisites to TrainingRequest@commscollabcenter.com

Preventive Radiological and Nuclear Detection Quickstart Training Course
November 18 & 19 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Vermont Transportation Training Center, Berlin

PER-245: Preventive Radiological and Nuclear Detection Secondary Screener Training Course
November 20 & 21 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Vermont Transportation Training Center, Berlin

MGT-310: Jurisdictional Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment—PART 2 of 4: Critical Infrastructure Certificate
November 20 & 21 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
DPS Headquarters, Waterbury

December 2019

ICS 100 Introduction to Incident Command System
December 9 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Williston Fire Department, Williston

ICS 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
December 10-12 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Williston Fire Department, Williston

Unless otherwise noted, registrations must be done through the state's Learning Management System website:
https://vermont.csod.com

For more details or a description of a course, please visit the LMS. You can also find additional trainings or session options on the LMS Calendar.

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