

Ordinance 2009-006

An Ordinance Creating a Community Emergency Response Team(C.E.R.T) within the Borough of Millstone, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey

Whereas, the Nation, State, and County have been the recipient of disasters, both natural and man made, and

Whereas, the Borough of Millstone has itself been plagued with events that at time, require emergency response, and

Whereas, there is a need to train our citizens to react as a body in the initial stages of said events to preserve life, limb and property.

Therefore, be it Ordained that the Borough of Millstone, Somerset County, State of New Jersey that it creates the Millstone Borough Community Emergency Response Team,(C.E.R.T.) as follows:

Article 1: Purpose.

Creation of C.E.R.T is supported by both the State and County Office of Emergency Management. The purpose of the team is to train citizens of the community to respond in emergent situations where critical resources may not be readily available.

Article 2: Appointments/ Organizational Chart.

A- All appointments to C.E.R.T. shall be made by the Mayor with the consent of the Borough Council. The C.E.R.T. operational and supportive functions shall fall under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management.

B- Each member shall serve an indefinite term unless removed for cause.

C- Every member of the team shall serve on a voluntary basis and will receive no compensation.

D- The team shall have 2 categories of membership;

Operations unit- Members that will be field classified as responders. They will be tasked with the responsibility of assisting in areas such as;

Administering first aid.

Light fire suppression.

Directing traffic.

Light search and rescue.

Other physical activity.

Support Unit- Members that will assist with

Expediting paperwork

Inventory control.

Resource management.

Answering phones and other communications.

Other logistical duties.

E- Each member shall be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment.

Article 3: Training.

A- All training, certification and recertification shall be provided to each member at no cost.

B- All uniforms and personal protective equipment that is provided shall be at no cost to the member.

- C- Every member shall complete the State recognized Basic C.E.R.T. course before being added to the active rolls of the unit.
- D- Each member, when performing in their capacity, shall be covered under the Borough's general liability and workers compensation insurance plan as emergency management volunteers, to the extent permissible under New Jersey law, as same may be amended from time to time.

Article 4: Effectiveness.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.