

# The Seaboard

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## Kicking Off National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month starts September 1st. This years theme is “Don’t Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.” Each week of National Preparedness Month has a designated theme:

**Week 1** (Aug. 28 - Sept. 3): Kickoff to National Preparedness Month.

**Week 2** (September 4 - 10): Preparing Family and Friends

**Week 3** (September 11 - 17): Preparing Through Service

**Week 4** (September 18 - 24): Individual Preparedness

**Week 5** (September 25 - 30): Lead Up to National PrepareAthon Day

You can access the 2016 National Preparedness Month

Social Media Toolkit on “The Ready Campaign” website at [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september). There, you'll find preparedness messages to share with family, friends, and neighbors. You'll also find additional resources such as graphics, instructional videos, and public service announcements to support preparedness in your community.

Last Saturday, Worcester and surrounding counties held Preparedness Night at Shorebird Stadium. A visit to Snow Hill Elementary School for Preparedness and Safety day will help launch our efforts during this month. Two additional outreach presentations have already been scheduled during September. We are doing our part to get the word out. Are you?



## Volunteer Profile

We are all valuable in our own way, whether we just take care of our family or have time to help outside organizations. I decided to do a profile of some of our Worcester County CERT members and see what they are up to. Recently it seems that I kept running into **Bill and Vera Camillo**, at OC meetings, the OC Air show, the Blessing of the Combines and the Worcester County Fair. At these events they were working with the Red Cross. I found some time in their busy schedule, and asked Vera to tell me something about themselves.

Bill and Vera were both born and raised in Delaware County Pennsylvania. They have owned a home in South Point since 1984, but have only been full time residents since 2013, after

their respective retirements. Bill was a practicing attorney for 42 years, having graduated from Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School. Vera was the Accounting Manager of Spitz, Inc. a small company in Chadds Ford, PA. where planetariums are manufactured as well as impressive ride components for both Disney and Universal Studios.

In addition to their membership in CERT, they are both active in the American Red Cross as disaster action team members and engage in outreach and recruiting activities. Bill is a member of the Community Collaborative

Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), sending in daily precipitation reports to the weather service. Having done a number of half marathons they have now scaled down to 5K's. When time permits, and weather cooperates, they enjoy fishing on their boat the "Vera-Lee". They also like to cook and eat!

They both believe that to have a happy and healthy retirement one must remain physically and mentally active and to appreciate every day. Bill and Vera will be married 42 years this October!

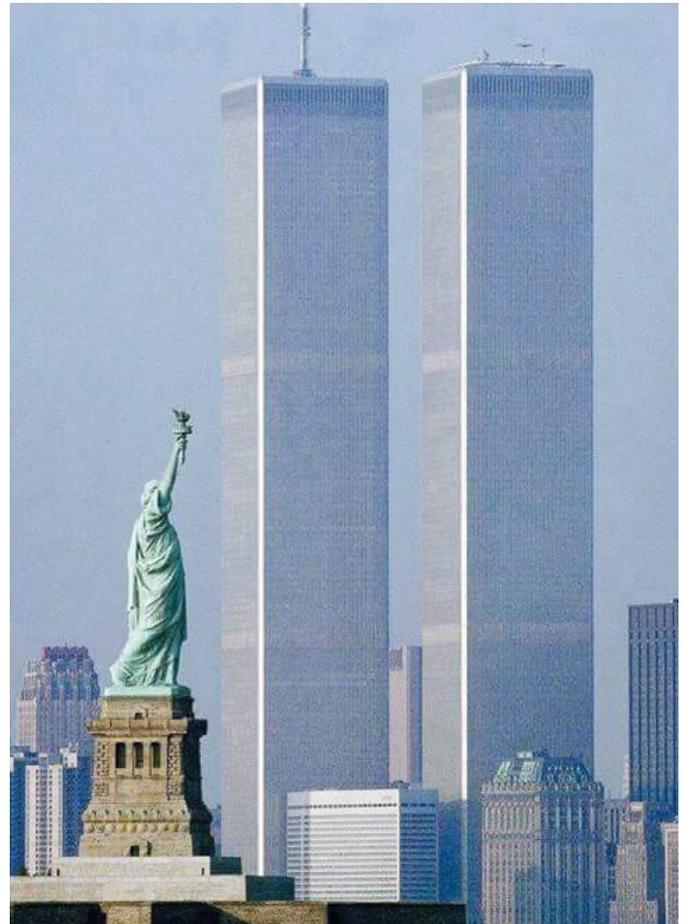
## Upcoming Training

Our next CERT Class is scheduled to begin on October 11, 2016 and will be at the Fire Training Center in Newark, Maryland. Even if you attended in the past, you are always welcome to attend any class that you want for a refresher.

The Red Cross will be teaming with Worcester County to offer an 8 hour Sheltering Class. It is scheduled for November 7th and 14th at the Fire Training Center.

To sign up for either class, please contact me, Tom Kane. My contact information is below:

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These pictures are from Preparedness Night at Shorebird Stadium. The bottom picture is most of the participants, which were from the lower shore Health Departments and Emergency Management Offices. Each year this event gets bigger and better. That's "Ready Ruff" the Ready mascot in the center.