

The Seaboard

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Winter Preparedness from Delmarva Power

Delmarva Power provides a “Storm Preparation Handbook” that can be downloaded from their website (www.delmarva.com), or you can call Customer Care at (800) 375-7117 to request a copy via mail. The handbook covers everything from preparing before the storm, coping with outages during a storm, and recovering after the storm has passed.

During a storm event, customers can report power outages through their website, mobile phone

app (download link below), or by calling (800) 898-8042. These options will also work for reporting power outages during clear weather periods.

Help Delmarva Power spread the word about emergency preparedness to constituents, customers, family, and friends. Below are a few helpful links provided by Delmarva Power in hopes that everyone can be ready for upcoming winter weather.

Winter Preparedness Informational Links

Weathering the Storm Fact Sheet (Link goes to PDF document. You will need Adobe Reader or comparable software installed.)

- <http://tinyurl.com/dpfactsheet>

Power Restoration Process Video

- <https://youtu.be/QpXIfZXqO3s>

Natural Gas Safety Information

- <http://www.delmarva.com/Natural-Gas-101.aspx>

Delmarva Power Mobile App (Available for Android and iPhone)

- <http://www.delmarva.com/mobileapp>
- Search your device’s app store for “Delmarva Power Self-Service”

Next CERT Class & Notes

The CERT class scheduled for October has unfortunately been cancelled due to low enrollment. Since Ocean City started their class first, they captured most of the interested parties. This same scenario actually happened to them last year, Worcester had a full class and OC had to cancel their class. So I am now planning for our next CERT class, which will start February 2017. It will either be at the Fire Training Center in Newark or in Ocean Pines. I would like your thoughts on where we can capture the most interest.

We have been very fortunate that the County Commissioners believe in the CERT program as much as you do and fund it very well. I don't want to their support to go unused, so if I need to hold 2 classes after the first of the year, that is what we will do. Be sure to talk it up to your colleagues, family, and friends, and we'll have a class

where the interest is strongest. Please tell those interested to call or email me so I can prepare a roster.

After this next class we should have enough CERT trained individuals to start a Worcester County CERT Team. Requirements will be to attend 2-3 meetings/training sessions a year. We will issue some backpacks, and most important, we will have a communication system open between us so we can assist Worcester County residents with awareness services or help out your neighbors in times of need. I am open to suggestions on how this CERT network can be self sustaining.

Some topics at the last Regional CERT meeting were

- Refresher training in CPR/AED & First Aid
- A 4 hour Traffic Incident Management System training

class is in the works.

If there are any training topics that you are interested in, please forward them to me.

Finally if anybody is interested in helping out with the next CERT class, presenting a topic, or assisting me on Outreach presentations, call or email me. Thanks and be safe.

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**American
Red Cross**

CERT Refresher and Red Cross Training

There will be **CERT** refresher training on November 12, 2016, and it will be at the Fire Training Center in Newark. The Ocean City CERT class will be having their skills day and you may attend for CPR/AED, first aid refresher, or any station you wish to practice.

The Red Cross, in conjunction with Worcester County, is scheduling an 8 hour Sheltering Class. This class is designed to give participants an overview of the American Red Cross policies and procedures for setting up, running

and closing a shelter during a disaster. It is scheduled for November 7th and 14th at the Fire Training Center in Newark.

For more information, or to register for either class please call or email me.

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These are pictures from the Pocomoke River flooding that occurred the first week in October. Having significant riverine flooding along with nice weather was odd. We are used to stormy weather along with coastal flooding. There are still some wash out areas along Route 12 and repairs will takes weeks, if not longer.

Thankfully, we dodged another significant storm in Hurricane Matthew. We have been lucky recently, but how many more can we dodge before we experience the effects of a significant storm or flooding? Be prepared and aware!