

General Membership Meeting March 2023



PLEASE SIGN IN

Eagle Run – 2/25



- Thank you, **Fabian Robles** for coordinating
- Roses
 - New signage
 - # of volunteers
 - Vendor unloading and exit
- Thorns
 - More cones!
 - Construction on Greenville
 - Drop-offs and baseball games
- Next year



Rescue Knots



Wednesday, April 05, 6:30

Central Fire Station Training Room

Instructor: Assistant Chief Greg Grimes



Great American Cleanup



- Saturday, April 22
- Volunteers arrive 0700
- Line closes at 1200
- Pedestrian safety and vehicular traffic management



Citizens Spring Academies



Citizens **Fire** Academy

Class: 3/16 – 5/04

Attending:

- Basia Cannon
- Mohammad Asaf
- Candace Kasian-Cardwell
- Jon Wolf

Citizens **Police** Academy

Class: 3/16 – 5/18

Attending:

- ?



CERT & Animal Services



GUEST SPEAKER

Tammy Chow-Hayes

Senior Animal Control Officer



Logistics

Ty Westfall



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Logistics – Trailer Maintenance



April 3rd

18:30 – 20:00

Both Trailers

- Power Tools Testing
- Battery Check / Maintenance
- Break Light / Tire Check

CS-1 & 2 – **Spring Cleaning**

- Remove all items and sweep out trailers
- Repack ICS boxes
- Reload and secure all items

CS-2 Relocation



Logistics – New Storage



Move Completed

Express Storage (Unit 427)

3 Prestige Cir, Allen, TX 75002

**Thanks to all that helped make this
move happen!**

Logistics – Communications



Changes to Monthly Net

Office Hours - General video sessions for Q&A

Quarterly Net – User driven from Office Hours discussions

Repeater

Current Backup repeater (Lucas FD) is down

Mike Pruden to verify we can still use once it is repaired / replaced

Quote for mobile repeater has been received and will be presented to AFD

Communications Committee -Next Meeting April 17th 6:30 P.M. La' Madeline



Logistics – Finances



Finance Update



2023 Starting Balance

\$460.00

Pole saw strap

-\$10.00

Current Balance

\$450.00

Logistics – Questions



Logistics@AllenTXCERT.org

Severe Weather Operations

Protocols & Standards



Community Emergency Response Team, Allen Texas

Introduction



The Allen TX Community Emergency Response Team (Allen CERT) operates under the auspices of the Allen Fire Department (AFD). During severe weather events, Allen CERT has the permission of AFD to autonomously organize its membership to proactively monitor and document local conditions, commonly referred to as “ground truth”. The intelligence gathered during these events will be available to AFD in real time to affect resource prioritization and decision making.

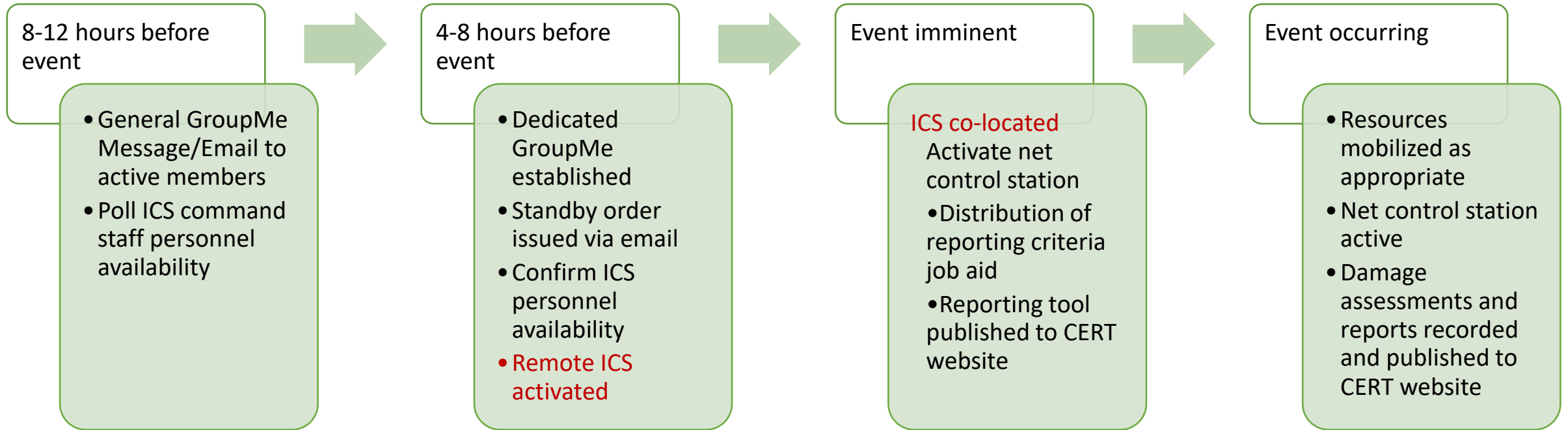
The purpose of this document is to outline the policies, procedures, roles, and responsibilities of Allen CERT members during severe weather threats in our community.



Activation



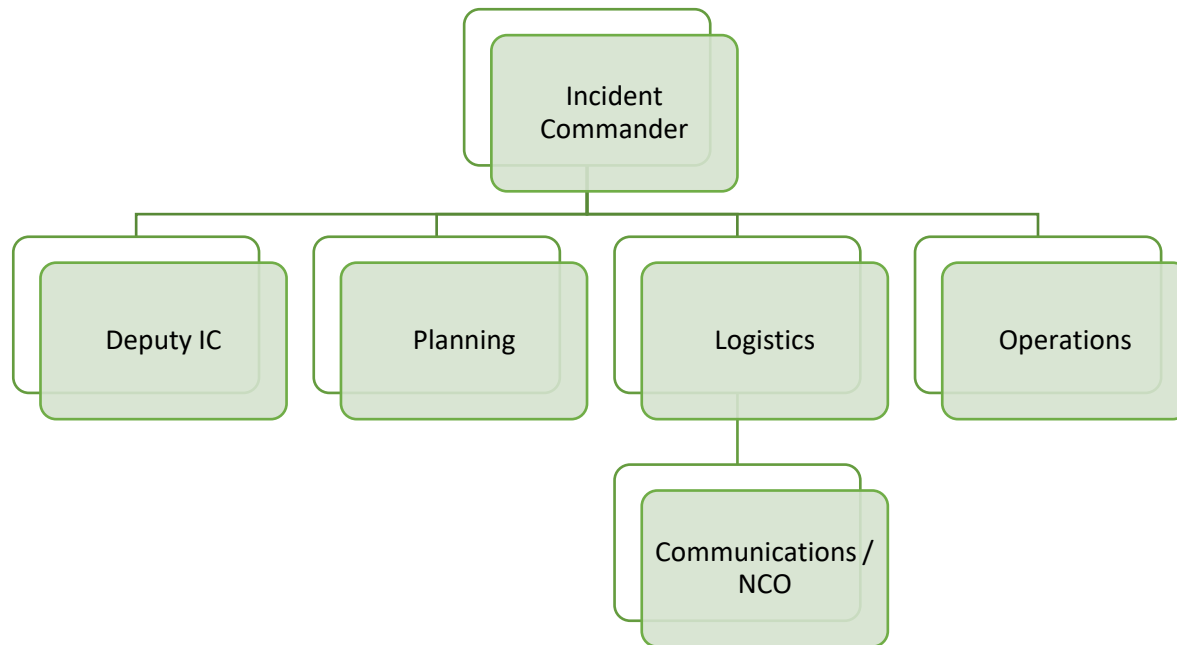
Allen CERT will maximize resource readiness by monitoring weather forecasts, models and conditions, and notifying the team hours before a likely severe weather event occurs. Early notification will allow volunteers to prepare equipment proactively and mitigate reactive gaps.



Organization



All severe weather deployments will rely on the foundational Incident Command System to define the roles and responsibilities that will manage activities.



Incident Commander / Deputy IC	Establishes the objectives for the event
	Coordinates with local authorities
	Evaluates progress and ensures safety
Planning	Evaluates threats
	Prioritizes objectives
	Aligns resources
Operations	Mobilizes resources in accordance with priorities
	Coordinates activities in the field
	Organizes resources to affect priorities
Logistics	Provides a communications infrastructure
	Facilitates the supply chain necessary for Operations
	Manages staging area for incoming resources

Response Thresholds



Condition 0

Condition 1

Condition 2

Condition 3

Condition 4

Condition 5

Trigger

No weather threat within 48 hours

Possibility of severe weather within 24 hours

Watch in effect or warning expected within 6 hours

Warning in effect or, conditions for severe weather are present within county

Severe weather imminent or occurring

Formal activation and mobilization

Actions Taken

No preparatory activities

Email notification to CERT members. Readiness/awareness for Instructors, review procedures, confirm availability of leadership for key roles.

Align resources to key roles. GroupMe notification of possible net and current condition, setup necessary documentation on Google drive, document tentative plan based on forecast data

Formal directed net activated. Leverage GroupMe chat for periodic updates and submitting images, Volgistics deployment event setup. Distribute reporting criteria, document geographical impact plan based on forecast data. Identify mobile resources and spotters on map.

ICS and Net Control procedures in place. Begin accountability sign-in. Start comms log, planning and ops communicating on any necessary or forecasted deployment, tracking deployments and status on map. Monitoring Collin ARES and NWS net.

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Minimum Reporting Criteria

No reporting Necessary

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Informal weather-related traffic, no minimum criteria. Keep traffic short and objective.

- ¼" diameter hail or greater
- 50 mph winds or greater
- Tornado
- Visible wall clouds, rotation signatures
- Street flooding
- Significant impact to life/property
- Personal emergency (911 first)

- Damage assessments
- Significant impact to life/property
- Personal emergency (911 first)

Do not report rainfall rate or lightning



Reporting



Radio Communications

- Two net control operators
- Directed net environment
- No mobilization without radio operator



Activity Logging

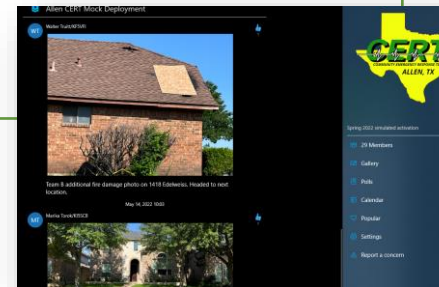
- ICS 214 foundation
- Digital record
- Reporting criteria thresholds

1	Incident Name	2	Date Reported	3	Date Resolved
4	Confidence Disruption	5	1,041 Lander Drive and Hudson	6	Overhead of Road
7	Personnel Member Assigned		Unit Reported		Personnel Assigned
8	Activity Log				



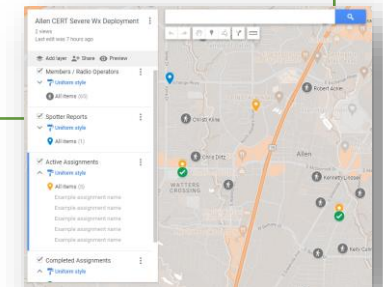
Group Messaging

- Chat group for event
- Location sharing
- Photo evidence of CAN report



Live Mapping

- Location of incidents mapped in real time on CERT website
- Visual indicators distinguish event type and status



Severe Wx Prep Activities



Draft / WIP : Revisit after next event



1. Create Google Drive folder
2. Update member list on Google Map utility
3. Input event information in event log (Google Doc)
4. Create a Volgistics event (Traci or Chris as time is available) – do we want people to sign-up or just log afterwards based on check-ins?
5. Review radio operator map/create tentative plan based on forecasted data



Open Discussion



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