

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS, EQUIPMENT, SHELTERS

The OEM has a number of informational pamphlets available that cover a variety of topics including: Family Emergency Planning, Emergency Supplies Kits, Emergency Checklists, Hurricanes, Floods, Power outages, etc. These pamphlets are available for any individuals at the Municipal Building or if any organization or group would like some of these pamphlets they should contact the EM office.

The OEM has a variety of equipment that includes pumps, generators, lighting, tarps, spill absorbent materials, etc. that are used to supplement the equipment of the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

The Township has designated two locations as shelter areas in the event there was a need for any residents to be evacuated from their homes and needed a place to stay for a short time. The Clark Emergency Squad Building on Raritan Road is the primary designated area and the two gymnasiums at the Municipal Building on Westfield Ave. could also be used for any large scale incident.

SPECIAL HEALTH CARE LIST

The OEM maintains a Special Health Care List for those residents that may require some special health care need. This information is provided only to the Police, Fire, and First Aid departments so they may provide critical services more efficiently to those persons in time of emergencies such as fires, major power outages, hurricanes or snowstorms. Anyone interested in being included on this list can contact the Office of Emergency Management for further information. In addition, a copy of the registration form is available thru this site which may be submitted on line or printed out, completed, and submitted to the EM office for any resident who needs to be included on this list.

(Copy of Special Health Care Registration Form Attached)

AM RADIO STATION – 590 AM (FORMERLY 1700 AM)

The Township of Clark operates an Informational/Emergency Radio Station at 590 KHZ on the AM radio band. This station operates through the OEM and on a daily basis will provide general township information such as traffic reports and other pertinent information. During a disaster or emergency situation this station will provide announcements such as school closings, travel information, and health and safety instructions. This AM radio station will be used in conjunction with our Cable TV 36 station to provide information to our citizens during any emergency situation. All residents are advised to have a good battery powered radio with the 590 AM frequency on it in order to receive this emergency information in the event there is a power outage or Cable TV 36 is unavailable. To enhance your capability to receive this station you should keep your portable radio away from computers, appliances and electronic lighting such as fluorescent or LED type lighting. The noise generated by these devices will adversely affect the reception of any AM station. Portable radios have a directional reception capability so turning the radio may allow you to receive the station better. Specifically we have found that having the portable radio positioned so that the back of the radio faces the Clark Township Municipal building where the transmitter is located works the best.

CERT PROGRAM

The Township of Clark has a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) Program which is based on the concept started by the Los Angeles Fire Dept. back in 1985. The LAFD recognized that in the early stages of a major disaster local emergency responders could be overwhelmed and that basic training in disaster survival and safety skills could improve the ability of community members to help themselves and their families until emergency responders or other assistance arrived.

This program, which now exists in every state, is promoted by the Federal Government through its Citizens Corp. program and through the NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management. This program is a 24 hour training program that provides information on a variety of topics including General Disaster Preparedness, Basic fire knowledge and safety skills, Basic 1st aid training, Light Search & Rescue and Terrorism. This program is not intended to train people to be First Responders for fire or first aid purposes, but it is designed to train people to be better able to help themselves and their families, then to help their friends and neighbors, and, if they choose, to help their community by assisting the various Township emergency services in a major emergency situation.

CERT members that volunteer to help on a community level during an emergency situation could be used for a number of things including: Staffing of emergency operations centers or shelters, providing assistance or transportation for people who have to evacuate their homes, providing food or supplies to the Police Dept., Fire Dept., or the First Aid Squad personnel, or delivering pumps or generators to other residents in time of flooding or power outages.

To date, approximately 150 citizens and 14 teachers/administrators from several Clark schools have completed the classroom training and finished up the program with a 3 hour hands-on training session at the Union County Fire Academy in Linden.

Anyone interested in learning more about this program should contact the Office of Emergency Management at 732-388-3600 Ex. 3007 or you can get an application through this web-site. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.

(Copy of CERT application attached)

UC FIRST ALERT

The Township of Clark has joined in to be part of the Union County Notification/Alerting System known as UC 1st Alert. All landline phone numbers in the County are in the system but people who live or work in Clark can go on-line and register their cell numbers or e-mail addresses to receive text messages or e-mails through this program. When registered, they will primarily receive emergency alerts from our local EM office or through the County but they can also choose to receive various reports on weather conditions, community events, CNN news items, etc. if they so desire. This service is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT in the time of a disaster or emergency situation so that emergency services can get critical information out to all Clark residents very quickly and efficiently for the safety of themselves and their families.

To register for the UC First Alert program please log on to the following link and follow the directions for the various parts of the form:

www.ucfirstalert.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information on Family Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Information, Homeland Security Information, or Terrorism Preparedness, click on to any of the following links:

NJ OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

www.state.nj.us/njoem
www.njhomelandsecurity.com

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

www.fema.gov

AMERICAN RED CROSS

www.redcross.org