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**IDHS Provides Train-the-Trainer Emergency Course**

INDIANAPOLIS –The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) hosted a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) train-the-trainer course earlier this month to jump-start the CERT program and provide instructional techniques for delivering the training and the steps to establish successful training to communities across the state.

Participants were given ideas and direction to establish and sustain CERT teams in their communities, such as partnering with local emergency management, and securing ongoing financial and political support.

Three of the 17 CERT train the trainer participants were nurses from Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette. These three individuals are working to establish a campus CERT team, and will teach CERT courses so that all nurses graduating will be CERT certified.

The Indiana CERT program helps train Hoosiers to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site when an emergency occurs. A CERT program can be a valuable resource in responding to local emergencies as they receive training in fire suppression, emergency medical care, light search & rescue, and principles of emergency management.

Three additional train-the-trainer courses are scheduled throughout the year. For a complete list of dates, please visit the IDHS training calendar at: [https://oas.in.gov/hs/training/public/calendar.do?method=filter&filterBy=TYPE&filterValue=TRAIN\\_CAL\\_02](https://oas.in.gov/hs/training/public/calendar.do?method=filter&filterBy=TYPE&filterValue=TRAIN_CAL_02). For more information on CERT, visit: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2960.htm>.

A complete list of participants, listed alphabetically by county, follows.

Kevin Goze	Cass	Cass County Emergency Management Agency
Elizabeth Troxell	Cass	Cass County Emergency Management Agency
Jerilyn Picha	Delaware	Delaware County Emergency Management Agency
Scott Picha	Delaware	Delaware County Emergency Management Agency

Rob Gaylor	Hamilton	Westfield Fire Department
Edwin Ksiezopolski	Kosciusko	Multi-Twp. Emergency Medical Services Kosciusko County Emergency Management Agency
Dathan Reed	Kosciusko	Kosciusko County Emergency Management Agency
Ryan Reed	Kosciusko	World Compassion Network
Clark Shepherd	Kosciusko	World Compassion Network
Joe Wilkey	Kosciusko	World Compassion Network
Jesus Olvera	Marion	Marion County Emergency Management Agency
Lawrence Robb	Posey	Posey County Emergency Management Agency
Michael Schantz	Shelby	Shelby County Emergency Management Agency
Derek Warnke	St. Joseph	RACES Radio Operator
Karen Dolk	Tippecanoe	Ivy Tech Community College
Deborah Dye	Tippecanoe	Ivy Tech Community College
Amy Nagle	Tippecanoe	Ivy Tech Community College

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