

ORDINANCE 2012-33

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, BY PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (“CERT”)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1: Chapter 156 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is hereby amended to include a new Section 156-10, titled “Community Emergency Response Team”.

Section 2: A CERT Team is hereby established in the Township of Hillsborough. The CERT Team shall be within the Office of Emergency Management and shall be under the supervision and control of the Township Emergency Management Coordinator or his designee.

Section 3: Mission, Organization and Purpose. The mission, organization and purpose of the CERT Team is to provide volunteer services for natural and other disasters under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management to supplement and assist police, fire and Emergency Management Services response to a disaster.

Section 4: Membership. CERT Team members shall be volunteers appointed by the Township Committee upon recommendation of the Emergency Management Coordinator. To be considered eligible, a volunteer must be eighteen (18) years of age and reside or work within the Township of Hillsborough.

Section 5: Training. All CERT Team members will receive approximately twenty (20) hours of initial basic-level training as required by the Federal Emergency Management Administration and will include:

- a. Disaster first aid;
- b. Family disaster preparedness;
- c. Disaster fire suppression;
- d. Medical operations;
- e. CERT Operations in Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism Incidents;
- f. Disaster mental health;

- g. Basic emergency management; and
- h. Disaster simulation - skills review.

Section 6: Other. Other volunteers, who are not members of CERT, may volunteer to assist the Office of Emergency Management. These volunteers shall perform tasks as assigned by the Coordinator of Emergency Management. They shall be appointed by the Township Committee upon the recommendation of the Emergency Management Coordinator. During emergencies, other volunteers may assist the Emergency Management Coordinator. All volunteers shall be under the control and direction of the Emergency Management Coordinator, or his or her designee.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH:

Pamela Borek
Acting Township Clerk

Carl Suraci, Mayor

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