

**Victims needed for Ashland CERTs spring basic training - Volunteers are needed the entire duration on Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. (must commit to duration). Pizza lunch will be served. Volunteers will report directly to 90 North Mountain Ave. Students under the age of 18 a parent will need to complete and sign an allowance waiver. Volunteers should wear old clothes that can get dirty.**

#### **Background-**

Ashland CERT holds several annual training opportunities. The purpose of the trainings is to disseminate critical knowledge and skills needed in large scale emergencies and natural disaster events including how to effectively extinguish a fire, provide disaster first aid, triage and treat victims, size up and search structures for those trapped or missing, and understand the structure of these events and how emergency responders will respond among other things.

In order for the student/participant to be effective in the field Ashland CERTs leadership and management teams put each student/participant through a real-life scenario simulation culminating all of the classroom-based and hands-on learning the student has completed. For this simulation we use live victims which are given a specific role to play. We have a local artist that comes in to enhance these roles by applying moulage to the victim. Victims are guided through the process and have an opportunity to provide feedback to the students/participants following the course.

By volunteering as a victim you will learn what CERT is, what we do, and how we help the community; the students/participants may become volunteers taking direction under our fire department in disaster events and you will likely see them providing aid immediately following a disaster. If you are a high school student you will also earn hours towards your service learning requirements to receive a diploma. Middle school students who need volunteer hours for a specific class should check with the teacher to be certain this activity will fulfill those hours. High school and other students can also use the experience on a resume.

If you would like to volunteer please contact the CERT office. **Volunteers are needed the entire duration on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Pizza lunch will be served. Students under the age of 18- a parent will need to complete and sign an allowance waiver. Student must have signed waiver upon reporting to 90 N Mountain Ave at 10am.**

**Please RSVP by Friday, October 12th if you will be participating.**

Thank you, Terri Eubanks