



## Volunteer Opportunities:

### Special points of interest:

- Billy Bowlegs Events
  - CERT Public Relations Team
  - Northwest FL Volunteer Firefighter Weekend
  - Damage Assessment Training
  - CERT Field Exercise
- *Billy Bowlegs* is coming up and we need some volunteers for our CERT float in the parade. Since the parade is attended by thousands and shown repeatedly on local television stations, it's a great way to expose our CERT program to the community, meet and work with other CERT members and – not to mention – have a good time! If you would like to volunteer to be in the parade or help with decorations, please contact [Jennifer Tindall](#) and plan to attend our pre-event meeting on **Thursday, June 4 at 6pm at the United Way.**
  - We are forming a team to focus on CERT public awareness. The *CERT Public Relations Team*'s objectives are to expose CERT to the public, increase awareness of disaster preparedness, and recruit new CERT volunteers. This important team will be instrumental in helping our community to be prepared for any type of disaster. To volunteer contact [Jennifer Tindall](#).
  - *Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter Weekend* is coming up in September. This is a great event to provide free training to volunteer firefighters in the region. Volunteers are needed to support this event in various functions such as *registration, concession sales, food service, heavy equipment operations*, and more. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event or for more information, contact [Jennifer Tindall](#).

## Upcoming Trainings:

**Damage Assessment Training** on Tues, June 30, 9am at the EOC in Shalimar. We're putting together a Damage Assessment Team to go out after a hurricane, or other disastrous event, with county building inspectors to assess damage to our area for FEMA reports. *Members of this team need to be sure they will be available almost immediately after a hurricane* and need to be capable of traveling around the damaged area. There are only 30 seats in this class, so sign up asap! Contact [Jennifer Tindall](#)

**CERT Field Exercise for all Okaloosa CERT:** Saturday, June 27, 9am – 12pm at the NWF State College in Niceville. Participating are NWF State College Public Safety Department, FWB Fire Department, Ocean City Wright Fire Department, Okaloosa County Emergency Management with their Communications Trailer, and ARES (Amateur Radio Disaster Services), and more. This will be an exercise in team organization and a refresher on basic skills learned in CERT training. Everyone needs to be sure they come equipped with their CERT gear and CERT badge. *If you have not received your badge, contact [Jennifer Tindall](#).*

