



FRIENDS of CERT
SUPPORT TRAILER REPLACEMENT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
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Established in 2018, Friends of Outagamie Community Emergency Response Team (FOCERT, Inc) a Wisconsin recognized 501c(3), was organized for the charitable purpose of supporting and promoting the needs of the Community Emergency Response Team. CERT is a volunteer program activated and managed by Outagamie County Emergency Management.

CERT volunteers are trained through comprehensive 21-hour FEMA based curriculum and hands-on exercises. The Team responds to a wide variety of emergency situations as detailed in the enclosed brochure. The most requested need for CERT volunteers is to provide quality rehabilitation services (Rehab) along with a safe and secure resting area for emergency response personnel. Although based in Outagamie County, volunteers can respond anywhere in Wisconsin with emergency management agencies working together. *Much more information is provided in this packet.*

Here's why we need your help: Initially utilizing a decommissioned ambulance provided via a partnership with the Outagamie County Housing Authority, a larger truck and response trailer was donated by the City of Appleton Fire Department in 2016. This setup has met our needs, until now. In 2021, a successful capital campaign was conducted to upgrade our tow vehicle from a 1996 truck to a 2023 Ford F350 4-wheel drive truck. We now need to update our support trailer to provide a more efficient and safer unit for our CERT volunteers and the emergency responders we serve. FOCERT is embarking on a Capital Campaign beginning in June 2023 to raise approximately \$135,000 to purchase a new, safe, efficient support trailer for the storage and response of our equipment.

Here's how you can help: We would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you more about this project in person. Or if we have captured your interest and you or your company would prefer to send an immediate donation, please use the above address.

Our motto is *"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"*.
For additional information please contact any of the FOCERT board listed to the left.
We look forward to hearing from you!

Best Regards,
Gene Reece
Chairperson
Friends of CERT



The Mission of the Friends of CERT is to provide financial support to further the efforts of the Outagamie County CERT volunteer program in their quest to enhance individual and family emergency preparedness, provide quality rehabilitation services for emergency response personnel after disasters, and during extended emergencies in Outagamie County and other counties as requested.

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