

MEMORANDUM



TO: ERICK ZINSER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: SCOTT BERKSETH
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: 2024 CERT BASIC TRAINING/ANNUAL PICNIC

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

On September 10, 2024, the City of Novi CERT program began with the first of nine Basic CERT Disaster Preparedness Training sessions for the class of 2024. The 2024 class is comprised of nine CERT prospects, as well a new Novi CERT member who was the former head of the now defunct Farmington/Farmington Hills CERT program. Of the nine prospects, six reside in the City of Novi, one from Northville, one from Commerce Township, and one from South Lyon. The South Lyon prospect spent 40 years with the City of Novi Fire Department in which 8 of those years were served as a Fire Captain.

On September 14, 2024, the annual CERT picnic took place at Lakeshore Park. There were over 40 people in attendance. This included current CERT members, the 2024 prospects, and their respective families. The event went exceptional well with great weather, venue, food, and camaraderie. Several members expressed how much they appreciated your attendance and words of welcoming and gratitude, as well as that of Chief Martin, and how much it meant to them to have the both of you present and stay for the entire event.

Below are some photos taken during the first day of Basic Training, as well as at the picnic.

