



What is Algonquin's ALERT TEAM?



ALERT stands for Algonquin's Loyal Emergency Response Team. **ALERT** is hybrid blend of FEMA's Citizen Corps and Lions **ALERT**. We are a grassroots movement that actively involves everyone in making Algonquin safer, stronger, and better prepared. We all have a role to play in keeping our community safe and secure and **ALERT** will help us prepare, train, and volunteer.

ALERT also helps promote a public service campaign that urges people to take some basic steps to prepare for potential terrorist attacks and other emergencies (get an emergency supply kit, make a family communication plan, and be informed).

This administration is dedicated to the safety and security of our citizens, and proudly supports this initiative. As part of this effort, we are calling upon all residents to be prepared in times of emergency by becoming an **ALERT** member.

How do I get started?

- ✓ Fill out the **ALERT** Application.
- ✓ Attend an orientation session at the Ganek Municipal Center (2200 Harnish Drive) on March 14 at 1:00pm or April 9th at 6:00pm.

What can I do as a resident to help my family and my community?

You can take simple steps to be prepared for emergencies, get training in basic first aid, and volunteer to help local emergency responders.

Here are some ways you can get involved through our **ALERT Team**:

- Prepare yourself and your family: get a kit, make a family plan, and be informed about potential threats and emergencies.
- Become a member of our **ALERT Team**, so that if something happens, you can help in an organized manner.

How much time will I have to commit?

The Village staff is committed to providing all the training and resource materials.

Meeting and training times will be scheduled during the day, evening, and some weekends in an attempt to accommodate everyone's schedules. Meetings will be once a month with a minimum attendance of 5 training/meetings per year to qualify as an active member.

What kind of training should I take?

In 95% of all emergencies, the victim or a bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. Through the **ALERT Team**, you can prepare for emergencies by getting training in basic first aid and in emergency response skills.

Training topics will include, but are not limited to: "Emergency Management 101"; Emergency Management: The Players, The Resources, and The Links; Weather Spotting Classes; CPR / First Aid; Red Cross Shelter training; Chain Saw Training; Emotional Grief Training; NGO (Non-governmental organizations) training; ICS, NIMS, FEMA, & DHS; Emergency Supply Kits (to-go bags).



FEMA



American Red Cross



NOAA

What are some things you might be called upon to assist with?

Handing out food and disaster kits; Assisting with sandbags; Directing traffic; Delivering supplies to elderly residents and emergency responders; Staffing city phones; Documenting damage; Relaying important safety information to residents; Maintaining security around affected areas; Helping with crowd control; Assisting with traffic control; Providing directions to citizens; Helping lost individuals; Assisting those with special needs.

