

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 08-08-18**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, CHAPTER 5, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING A “COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM”, AND PROVIDING FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ITS MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the federal government, in recognition of the need for citizens to be trained in the event of a local emergency, has allocated funding for State, county and local emergency management communities to establish Citizens Corps, which include such initiatives as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Services; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Cranbury has previously appointed the Chief of Police of the Cranbury Township Police Department as its Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police will be actively involved in the creation, recruitment and training of a volunteer CERT team, which, when requested by the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator, can provide essential assistance in the event of a *bona fide* emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Township of Cranbury to formalize the creation of the Township’s CERT and to establish the obligations for insurance coverage for the volunteers in said program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in Middlesex County, New Jersey, that the Township’s Code of Ordinances, as previously amended, be further amended as follows:

Section 1.

§5-11. *Community Emergency Response Team; Duties and Responsibilities; Insurance*

A. Establishment

There is hereby established in the Township a volunteer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT shall consist of up to 50 members. CERT, and its members, shall be under the supervision, and respond to the direction of, the Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator.

B. Appointments

Members shall be appointed to CERT by the Township Committee and shall serve terms of one year. CERT members serve at the will of the Chief of Police.

C. Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of CERT members shall include:

- (1) Active Members: CERT members that are physically able and willing to commit to field operations (directing traffic, administering first aid and other physical activity)
- (2) Auxillary Members: CERT members that can assist with clerical and logistical duties (answering telephones, serving food and other logistical activities)
- (3) Trained Only Members: CERT members who only wish to receive CERT training at this time.

The members shall perform such further duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator or his/her designee.

D. Insurance Coverage

When performing their duties and responsibilities for the Township, CERT members shall be included in, and covered by, the Township's general liability and workers compensation insurance plans as emergency management volunteers, to the extent permissible under New Jersey law, as same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. This ordinance will take affect upon its passage and publication, as required by law.

The ordinance published herewith was originally introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on August 11, 2008. The ordinance will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the meeting room of Town Hall, 23A North Main Street, in the Township of Cranbury, on September 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and during the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, RMC, Clerk