

Friends for the Community Foundation



The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization created by Cuyahoga County District 1 Representative Dave Greenspan, seeks to support, promote, and enhance the quality of life, public safety initiatives, programs, and services within the Westshore communities.

Since the foundation's inception in 2011, they have hosted the Public Safety Charity Softball Tournament to recognize the district's safety forces and to benefit the Westshore Regional and Olmsted Community Emergency Response Teams. The funds raised by this tournament help the Westshore Regional CERT provide free FEMA CERT 20-hours disaster preparedness courses for all Westshore residents and maintain training and equipment that allows the team to be prepared for any contingency.



Based on the principle that mitigation is everyone's responsibility, the FEMA Community Emergency Response Team program has two primary goals: 1) to educate citizens on hazards common or possible in their area and how to prepare for them, and 2) if willing, to join organized volunteer teams that serve as a vital extension of emergency services when needs outweigh the resources. CERTs exist in all 50 states and some U.S. territories with approximately 30 teams in Cuyahoga County.

Play Ball!

When: June 27-29 with the Championship game on Sunday, June 29, in conjunction with the 2014 **Fairview Park Summerfest**

Where: Bohlken Park, 3701 West 210, Fairview Park Ohio 44126

Who: Teams are formed by fire/paramedic and law enforcement personnel

- ◆ The Public Safety Charity Softball Tournament recognizes the public safety forces in Cuyahoga County District 1 and benefits the Westshore Regional and Olmsted CERT.
- ◆ American Softball Association rules apply.
- ◆ The first game brackets will be publically drawn.
- ◆ The Championship Game will be preceded by a first pitch by individuals nominated by the community's team, a Color Guard, the singing of the National Anthem, and will be professionally announced with the results broadcast on Cleveland radio.
- ◆ **Be a visible part of this regional, competitive, community event while supporting the WSC through your sponsorship!**



The Westshore Regional CERT (WSC), a volunteer organization operating under the Westshore Council of Governments, is comprised of Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake.

The goal of the WSC is to make the Westshore communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to be both disaster resistant and disaster resilient.

Objectives include promoting individual, family, business, and community safety and emergency preparedness. The team provides information, education, training, and volunteer service. During and after emergency events, the team provides assistance to our response agencies through shelter management, perimeter control, damage assessment, first aid, documentation, communications, and light search and rescue among others tasks, with the ultimate goal of protecting life safety, stabilizing the incident, and protecting property and the environment.

Funding provided through the Public Safety Charity Softball Tournament, in part, allows the team to provide free training to all Westshore residents and maintain training and equipment that allows the team to be prepared for any contingency.

