



# Clifton Park Community Update

## December 1, 2009



# Community Emergency Response Team graduates 10 new members



Ten new volunteers for the town's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduated from training last month during their final tabletop exercise.

Town Supervisor Phil Barrett was on hand to congratulate the newly certified volunteers and provide them with certificates of completion.

The FEMA-certified CERT class prepares residents to assist the town during emergencies as an integral part of the town's overall emergency resources.

During the December 2008 ice storm that left thousands of residents without power, CERT volunteers staffed an emergency shelter, checked in on special needs residents through the town's R.U.OK program and helped power generators at crucial town traffic intersections.

CERT volunteers are also instrumental in the town's annual Fourth of July celebration and Household Hazardous Waste Day.

The training is sponsored by the town every spring and fall.

For information, call 371-6651 ext. 230.

**Above:** Barrett, third from left, and State Emergency Management Office Regional Director Paul Wilson, fourth from left, stand with the new graduates.



For information on future town events, call Town Hall at 371-6651 or visit the website at [www.cliftonpark.org](http://www.cliftonpark.org). For questions about this story, contact Information Specialist J. Jude Hazard at 348-7301 or [jhazard@cliftonpark.org](mailto:jhazard@cliftonpark.org).