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NEWS RELEASE

Gila Northern CERT Mobilizes Revamped Trailer to Support Payson Event

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The Northern Gila Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) unveiled its newly refurbished command/control trailer at the annual Payson 4th of July gala. The trailer provided much-needed service and security support to the CERT Team to assist the thousands of Payson-area residents and visitors who attended the event. The trailer also boasts multiple radio systems and a backup power generator, enabling Northern Gila CERT to utilize it for various county emergency tasks.

Donated by Gila County Emergency Management, the trailer offers more than 300 square feet of working/housing space; as well as full cooking, cleanup, and lavatory facilities; and is completely mobile through a light-duty truck or RV hookup. To ensure optimal utilization and response, the Northern Gila CERT has added an electric jack.

These improvements ensure near-immediate response times during an emergency and the ability to stay deployed in the field for extended periods — a critical consideration for both the county and CERT. "We are extremely proud of our Northern Gila CERT operation. Their dedication to helping the Gila County community is unparalleled," said Michael O'Driscoll, Director of Health and Emergency Management for Gila County. "Plus, their successes continually help draw more people into their valuable efforts."

Northern Gila County CERT is comprised of 40 active volunteers from the Payson and Pine/Strawberry areas who donate their time and talents to better the county by helping during emergencies, community events, and philanthropic opportunities.

To learn more, get trained, or become part of the valued Northern Gila CERT group, contact Mac Feezor at (602) 684-5363 or via email at mac_feezor@msn.com.

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