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## PARMA VOLUNTEERS READY TO CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS BURIED IN SNOW

**(PARMA)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero says the city's group of emergency volunteers will spend much of Saturday, January 31, clearing snow from fire hydrants across the city.

Members of CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, will gather Saturday morning and spend much of the day uncovering fire hydrants now buried in snow.

"I commend members of CERT for their dedication and service to their community," said Mayor DePiero. "These folks are spending a Saturday out in the cold to ensure the safety of their fellow residents. That says a lot about the passion they have for both safety and volunteerism."

CERT is an all citizen volunteer group that assists first responders (fire and police) in the event of emergencies. Organizers provide training and equipment at no cost to the volunteers.

"The last thing we want is to have our city firefighters spending valuable time locating and digging out snow-covered hydrants in the event of a fire," said CERT Coordinator Brian Riegel. "This is the least we can do for our first responders and our citizens. We're all about safety and helping to save lives."

Members of CERT work closely with the Parma Fire and Police Departments, the Parma Mayor's Office and the Parma Safety Director. The Parma CERT program began in 2004.

Saturday's snow-clearing project will begin at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center adjacent to Parma City Hall and will then be dispatched to various locations. **For more information on crew locations, call Brian Riegel at 440-465-6559.**

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