



CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

William T. Martin

Executive Order: 2026-03

ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) AS A DIVISION OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Havre de Grace prioritizes the safety, health, and disaster preparedness of all residents, visitors, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program nationally operates as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Citizen Corps, educating volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact local communities and training them to act as critical first responders until professional emergency services arrive; and

WHEREAS, the Havre de Grace CERT has been actively serving the City since its establishment in 2025, operating under the philosophy of *"Doing the greatest good for the greatest number"*; and

WHEREAS, since 2025, the CERT has maintained a strong, collaborative partnership with the Havre de Grace Police Department and a valuable working partnership with the Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps, significantly augmenting local emergency response capacity; and

WHEREAS, CERT volunteers have demonstrated exceptional dedication by providing essential assistance, crowd safety, traffic support, and emergency readiness at numerous civic events and initiatives throughout the Havre de Grace community; and

WHEREAS, CERT members are rigorous, highly trained volunteers equipped with basic disaster response capabilities, including:

- Team Organization and Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Fire Suppression Operations
- Light Search and Rescue Techniques
- Disaster Medical Operations
- CPR & Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Skills
- First Aid and Medical Triage
- Terrorism Awareness and Situational Readiness; and

WHEREAS, formalizing and integrating the CERT program into the municipal government structure will ensure sustained operational coordination, standardized training, oversight, and enhanced public safety capabilities for the City of Havre de Grace.

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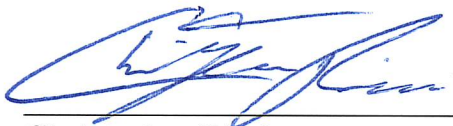
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Martin, Mayor of the City of Havre de Grace, Maryland, hereby order as follows:

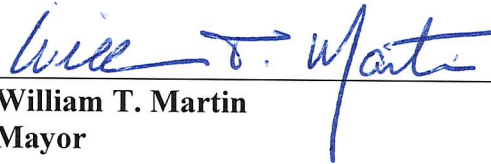
The Havre de Grace Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is hereby officially established as a division of the Havre de Grace Police Department. All CERT members shall be non-paid volunteers recognized by the City of Havre de Grace and must complete approved FEMA CERT training. All members of the CERT division shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief of Police and may be removed from service at their discretion.

Issued under my hand and seal this 5th day of October, 2026.

Witness/Attest



Christopher Ricci
Director of Administration



William T. Martin
Mayor