

# The Partnership to End Homelessness: Becoming Qualified as a Community Emergency Response Team



Our newly qualified CERT members: Octavia Godfrey, Paul Smith, Derek Dunham, Emily Holmes, Star Day, BryErica Barnes, Amanda Greene, Laura Holland, Matt Bailey, Tamara Staton, Artenas Steverson, Charles Wright, Arabella Pittman, Matt Womble, Carl Richards, Ben Rumley, Thomas Durst, Christian Cabral.



*Paul bandages Artenas' head wound*

Throughout the month of February, members of the Partnership to End Homelessness have attended training in order to become qualified as CERT members. They have developed skills in first aid, fire safety, triage, and search and rescue. All of this training culminated in a



*Octavia puts out the lethal Wii Fire*

disaster simulation where the members had to assess a situation, search for survivors, triage those they found, apply the



*Tamara, Octavia, BryErica, and Amanda work to rescue Charles from the rubble*

appropriate first aid, and clearly communicate so that everyone could keep track of what was going on in the chaos. Members reported that the situation was a challenge to them. Some wanted to do everything instead of their assigned task. Others were overwhelmed by the behavior of the victims. Thankfully it was all just pretend and we were not truly faced with putting our friends in the morgue.



*Charles, Ben, and Artenas pull a victim to safety*