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- public range in blairsville.

Dear Range Representative,

I have worked in the international arms business and as a business owner for over two (2) decades and have analyzed the Blairsville situation as a local resident. As best I can see, the current planned range is 400 yards distance, and I would like you to consider this: If we extend this to create a 1000 yard/1000 meter range, we would then have the space and the longest range for public use. This capability would attract additional shooting sports-minded people to come and use the range. With a small amount of promotion and with long-range shooting being one of the fastest growth areas of the shooting sports, this could attract non-local people to our area and range. This will broaden the knowledge of our area and potentially bring additional commerce for lodging, food, and shopping.

Please consider my proposal for a feasible range extension to 1000 yards/1000 meters.

Thank you and regards,
Roger

- cert <https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team>

Dear Sheriff Representative,

I am a current member of CERT. After checking on CERT training in Blairsville and speaking with the representatives in the fire department, I was not able to source the required information and training. As an alternative, I have been required to travel to Cleveland for training. The training I received in Cleveland was very efficient and thorough. That training is an excellent example of what we need in Blairsville. We know that in emergencies and disasters, local law enforcement as well as fire and medical agencies could be quickly overwhelmed. Properly CERT trained people and team members can not only help themselves and their families, but also help their neighbors and the entire community.

What does it cost to be CERT trained? That is the best part, since there are no fees or tax payer money needed for CERT. CERT is 100% government funded! We just need to complete the required forms and the government will provide the necessary funds for us to build a working CERT community in Blairsville.

This would not only benefit Blairsville, but also enable us to partner with our friends in Cleveland should the need arise. CERT Cleveland would also be willing help us get started, leveraging their existing experience and knowledge regarding the organizational requirements, necessary forms, and other logistics. This would help provide a quick ramp-up for the Blairsville CERT implementation.

Everyone truly can benefit from CERT, since it is for all ages. There is a youth program for schools and in our community we have many retired law enforcement and other individuals with relevant specialized knowledge. We just need to create this opportunity for improved preparedness and skills for young and old and those in between.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me by email.

Thank you and regards,
Roger

Best Regards,

Roger Swiss Bianco
President/Founder

