

2022 KEYSTONE CHALLENGE



ABOUT THE KEYSTONE CHALLENGE

2022 marks the 4th year for the KEYSTONE CHALLENGE! In the spirit of “pay it forward” training, making sure people are trained and prepared in the case of a natural/man-made disaster, and building stronger morale and ZERT spirit, Heather Hiller (PA POC) is continuing the KEYSTONE CHALLENGE program started by Lou Vit and Heather Hiller in 2015. The KEYSTONE CHALLENGE is a friendly competition/learning experience within Pennsylvania, as well as surrounding states. We’ve established regional squads and each squad should contain a minimum of 6 members, to compete. 2016 was the first year we opened the KEYSTONE CHALLENGE to neighboring states! We have high hopes that more states will see the value of this training/competition, and field Squads to compete with us this year. All Squads are responsible for filling a full Squad (up to 20 members), finding coaches willing to work with them on learning skills, and getting all their training done in time for our year-end competition. All Squad members must be ZERT members (or pay a non-ZERT registration fee). Each Squad should have a medic, a communications person, someone who knows firearms and can teach the other squad members (for NSS/IW/Triple-S), a “coach” who knows how to teach small team maneuvers, an outdoor person (who can teach the others survival basics) and even a self-defense/tactics person. The coaches should have either a legitimate military or law enforcement background in squad/team movements.

Our goal for this event is to get more people trained and better prepared to work together in case of a real-life natural and/or man-made disaster. An additional benefit to the KEYSTONE CHALLENGE is networking with other ZERT members, the brotherhood/sisterhood, challenging your self to learn new skills, and having a great time!

On **September 17th-18th, 2022**, we will be holding a two-day testing event, the KEYSTONE CHALLENGE. This will test the Squads in the following areas: Team Movements, Firearms, First Aid, Fitness, Navigation, Communications, and Survival. **IMPORTANT: *Only 8 members from each Squad will be able to compete...*** so pick your very best members!!!

Check in for this event will be September 16th, 2022.

If you are interested in getting help setting up the Squad in your “zone”, please feel free to reach out to Heather and she’ll assist you with finding ZERT members near you. If you want to see if there is already a Squad in your area, please review the “Squad Regional Directory”, to see where we already have squads established.

Deadline:

1. **Event Registration: August 26th, 2022** (In order to compete in the September 17th-18th, 2022 event, all Squads must be registered with Heather by this date). To register for the event, you must have an established Squad with the minimum required bodies (6). On a case-by-case basis, we can allow changes to be made to the Squad after registration. Registration is \$350.00 (100% ZERT Squad) or \$600.00 (non-ZERT Squad)

Though this is NOT a ZERT event, Heather has been given a conditional blessing (sanctioned) to run with this. The entire program must go through Heather, for us to maintain the blessings of HQ. Do NOT contact anyone at ZERT Headquarters about any questions you may have about this event. Again, this is NOT a ZERT event!

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Thank you,
Heather Hiller (Keystone Challenge Organizer)

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