



About CERT ...

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, using the model created by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERTs have been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the Citizens of Dallas. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT training sessions cover:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Light Search and Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final Cert Exercise
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations- Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene
- Disaster Medical Operations-Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries

Target audience

- Neighborhoods
- School Staff/Students
- Businesses
- Clubs/Organizations
- Communities of Faith
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- Scouting Organizations



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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)



"We will find ways to train and mobilize more volunteers to help when rescue and health emergencies arise."

President George W. Bush

In case of an emergency: Are You Prepared?



- Know where your local fire department, police station, and hospital are and post a list of emergency phone numbers near all the telephones in your home.
- Create an emergency plan for your household, including your pets. Decide where your family will meet if a disaster does happen: 1) right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire and 2) outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home - ask an out of town friend to be your "family contact" to relay messages.

- Organize and practice a family fire drill.
- Prepare a 3-day disaster supply kit, complete with flashlights, batteries, blankets, and an emergency supply of water and food (and pet food!).
- Check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and replace all alarms that are more than 10 years old.

Do You Want To Get Involved?

CERT interactive and hands-on training classes are offered evenings and Saturdays. Approximate time to complete all sessions is 24 hours. All sessions are required to be completed for certification.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Accommodations _____

A comprehensive volunteer application form will be mailed upon receipt of this form. All participants will be chosen on a first come first serve basis. Groups and businesses are encouraged to register as well as individual citizens. **ACT NOW!**

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