

What is CERT?

Each year, many communities are rocked by severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods or flash floods, winter storms, or by manmade disasters.

The damage caused by such disasters affect everyone. Disasters can:

- severely restrict and overwhelm emergency response resources, communications, transportation and utilities; and
- leave individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside emergency support.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to take care of themselves and then help others in their communities for the first three days following a disaster.

This is when debris-clogged or damaged roads, disrupted communications, or high volume of calls may prevent access by emergency response personnel.

The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all their own needs and then to be able to respond to their communities needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

Disaster can strike when you least expect it... Are You Ready?

MAKE A KIT of emergency supplies -

- ★ Water and Food
- ★ First Aid Kit
- ★ Supply Checklist
- ★ Special Need Items

MAKE A PLAN for what you will do in an emergency -

- ★ Create a Family Plan
- ★ Decide to Stay or Go
- ★ At Work or Home
- ★ In a Moving Vehicle
- ★ In a High-rise Building

BE INFORMED about what might happen -

- ★ Natural Disaster
- ★ Terrorist Threat
- ★ Biological, Nuclear, Chemical, Explosion, Radiation Threats
- ★ Local Emergency

Terrorism forces us to make a choice.

Don't be afraid.....Be Ready.

For more information, go to www.ready.gov



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Community Emergency Response Team



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**Register Now for the
September 2018 Class !!**

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, CERT teams have been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. 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 professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learn during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency, and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

About a CERT Course?

The Community Emergency Response Team course consists of approximately 20 hours of training. Classes are taught by trained personnel from your community.

The course agenda includes:

- Sept 11th* **ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION**
7-10 PM **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**
Introduction to disasters, impact of disasters on infrastructures, the role of CERT in disaster response.
- Sept. 18th* **DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION**
7-10 PM Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards, basic fire suppression strategy, resources, and techniques.
- Sept. 25th* **DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART 1**
7-10 PM Treatment strategies for life-threatening conditions and principles of triage.
- Oct. 2nd* **DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART 2**
7-10 PM Head-to-toe assessments, treatment for various injuries
- Oct. 9th* **LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPS.**
7-10 PM Techniques for size-up and search, lifting, cribbing and removing victims, rescuer safety
- Oct. 16th* **Cert Organization / Disaster Psych. Terrorism and CERT**
7-10 PM
- Oct. 20th* **FINAL GROUP EXERCISE AND GRADUATION**
- TBA* **TIER-2 ORIENTATION**

What happens next?

Individuals who successfully complete the CERT training may become members of the Community Emergency Response Team. This team, when called upon, will assist local emergency response agencies with local disasters, emergency responses and assist in educating the public in emergency preparedness. Some of the activities CERT members may be involved with:

- * Local disasters
- * Door-to-Door wellbeing checks
- * Traffic control
- * Weather watches
- * Civilian relocation / sheltering
- * Public Education, Fairs & Festivals
- * Disaster preparedness

CERT members will be encouraged to attend additional monthly training. The training will consist of, but not limited to the following:

- * Severe storm watching
- * Severe winter operations
- * Basic firefighting (*Fire Extinguishers*)
- * Hazardous Materials awareness
- * Incident Command procedures
- * Emergency Operations Center procedures
- * Emergency Management
- * Basic search & rescue

Highly motivated CERT members will be eligible to join the ranks of the Wauconda Emergency Management Agency. The Wauconda EMA is a volunteer organization that is responsible for preparation and management of disasters in the community.

Don't be afraid.... Be prepared.

Get involved in your community today...