

CERT Training is designed to cover the following:

- Session I:** Disaster Preparedness
- Session II:** Fire Suppression
- Session III:** Disaster Medical Operations – Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Session IV:** Disaster Medical Operations – Assessment, Treatment, and Hygiene
- Session V:** Light Search and Rescue
- Session VI:** Team Organization and Disaster Psychology
- Session VII:** Terrorism and CERT
- Session VIII:** Final Exercise

Each session requires two to three hours to complete. A certificate will be issued on successful completion of the course.



Training for Community Preparedness



“We will find ways to train and mobilize more volunteers to help when rescues and health emergencies arise.”

- President George W. Bush

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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.

WHAT IS THE NORTH PORT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM?

During the initial hours following a disaster, emergency personnel may be overloaded and unable to reach some areas within the community.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates people in preparedness for natural or man-made disasters that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as team organization, fire safety, disaster medical operations and light search and rescue.

Using skills developed during classroom training and field exercises, CERT members are prepared to assist others immediately after a disaster has occurred, providing basic levels of support and care to their families and neighbors in need.

HOW ARE CERT MEMBERS TRAINED?

Students receive approximately 20 hours of training in a classroom environment that is followed by participation in a disaster simulation exercise.

Instructors use lectures and multi-media (video, power-point) to introduce the material. Lectures give way to practical team building exercises as applicable.



WHAT ROLE DOES CERT PLAY AFTER A DISASTER?

CERT members can provide assistance and direction in the aftermath of a disaster. As a result of their training they are;

- Better prepared to deal with events which might otherwise seem overwhelming
- Able to recognize the potential hazards associated with a particular type of event and take the appropriate action
- Able to identify a safe location and can help others to move to it in a more organized fashion
- Trained in performing triage and administering first aid
- Knowledgeable in identifying, organizing, and utilizing available resources
- Ready to perform needs assessments and document and communicate with local authorities
- Prepared to assist others with the emotional distress associated with emergencies and disaster conditions



I would like to be considered for an available North Port City CERT Class

Name: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

My Background in emergency preparedness includes: _____