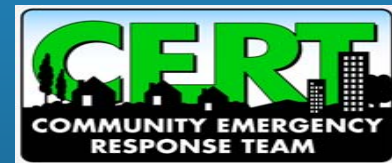




It starts with you

No matter where you live,
no matter who you are, we
all have a role in hometown
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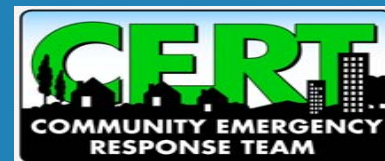
Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

- CERT is a 20-hour training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of a disaster.
- During an incident, emergency services personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. CERT volunteers will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.



What do CERTs do?

- Under direction of local emergency responders, CERT volunteers provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, provide damage assessment and organize other volunteers.
- The role of a CERT volunteer is to help themselves and to help others until emergency personnel arrive.



Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)



- During the opening exercise the class is divided into small groups, where they are given 10 minutes to design a freestanding tower.



CERT-Teamwork

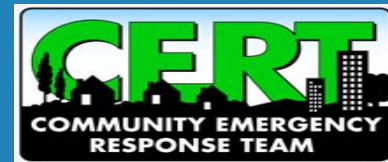


- The tower must stand at least five feet tall. Participants are given construction paper, scissors and tape to build their towers.



Teamwork Results

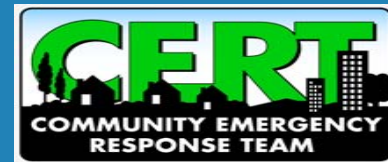
- The result:
Unfamiliar people can work on an unfamiliar problem using unfamiliar tools in unfamiliar surroundings in a time-compressed environment to reach a common goal.



Disaster Medical Operations



- CERT participants learn disaster medical operations including bandaging, splinting, and opening airways.



CERT Equipment



- Trainees in CERT receive backpacks with hardhats, goggles, gloves, dust masks, flashlights, water bottles and reflective vests.



Fire Safety



- CERT participants learn how to safely extinguish small fires.



CERT and Terrorism

- Participants learn the definition of terrorism, the goals of terrorists, and are given several examples of terrorist attacks. Individual and team safety is emphasized as the first priority.



Light Search and Rescue Operations

- Team members will participate in light search and rescue during the simulation of a tornado that has collapsed the roof of a building.



Disaster Medical Ops- Triage

- Team members perform triage on injured victims.



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