

CERT

Community Emergency Response Team

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's 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.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist their family members and neighbors 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 will teach participants to:

Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
Apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
Identify situations where hazardous materials are involved.
Perform head-to-toe medical assessment.
Apply techniques for performing basic first aid treatments for various wounds.
Perform Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Target Audiences

Adults that live or work within Chester County.
Neighborhoods
Businesses
Communities of Faith
Clubs/Organizations
 ◆ Amateur Radio Emergency Services

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

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community emergency preparedness and
community outreach events.

Training is designed to cover:

- ☞ Disaster Preparedness
- ☞ Fire Safety
- ☞ Disaster Medical Operations –
Triage and treating Life
Threatening Injuries
- ☞ Disaster Medical Operations –
Assessment, Treatment, and
Hygiene

To find out when the next CERT
training session is, please contact the
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Emergency Services at:

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For more information on the CERT
program

Visit the Citizen Corps website at:
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