



Erie County CERT

“Volunteer Today, Serve the Future!”

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training promotes a partnership between the Erie County Emergency Management Agency and the citizens of Erie County. The goal is to train members of businesses, neighborhoods and community organizations in basic emergency response skills so these individuals are prepared to assist emergency personnel in the event of a natural disaster.

Should a disaster event overwhelm or delay a community's emergency service professional response, CERT members can assist other citizens by applying the basic response and organizational skills they have been trained to provide. These skills can help save lives and prevent further injury following a disaster until the arrival of police, fire or emergency medical personnel. Beyond natural disasters, CERT skills may also be applied to typical emergency situations that occur more frequently.

CERT members maintain and sharpen their skills by participating in drills, exercises and supplemental training opportunities. Finally, CERT members may volunteer for projects that can improve the disaster preparedness of the entire community in which they live and work.

What are the benefits of CERT?

Major disasters in the community can overload the capability of first responders in the first 12 to 72 hours. Having citizens who are better prepared to take care of themselves and their neighbors in times of crisis will allow emergency responders to focus on the most critical and life-threatening situations.

As a nation, we have experienced many changes since September 11, 2001. We are now much more aware of our vulnerabilities and more understanding of personal responsibility for the safety of our families and our community. By becoming a CERT member, you can play a first-hand role in the safety of your community!

What will I learn in CERT training?

The initial training for all CERT members is an interactive and hands-on 20-hour course. Topics include:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire safety
- Disaster medical operations—triage and treatment of life threatening emergencies
- Disaster Medical Operations—assessment, treatment and hygiene
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Disaster psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final CERT exercise

Who should join CERT?

Membership on the CERT team is open to anyone 16 years of age or older with an interest in helping with emergency preparedness in their community. Community groups, businesses and individuals are encouraged to join. The target audience of the program is:

- Neighborhoods
- Business and Industry
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting Organizations
- School Districts
- Clubs
- Professional Groups
- Government Employees
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services

CERT Training Schedule

CERT training will be offered on the following dates:

- March 2 – 16, 2009
 - Monday and Thursday
 - 6:00 – 10:00 pm

Class Location

NASA Plum Brook Station (former Erie County Conservation League Building)

Organizations wishing to register 20 or more individuals may request that a class be conducted at a time and location of their choice.

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Please mail, fax or email your registration no later than February 23, 2009.
 Thanks for your participation!

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Course	CERT Training			Tuition	N/A	Books	N/A
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Address							
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