

CERT Training Includes:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations - Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Disaster Medical Operations - Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene
- Light Search and Rescue
- Team Organizations
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final Exercise

Sessions require about 20 hours to complete.



Mission Statement

Our mission is to serve and safeguard the citizens of Naperville through a professional, efficient and effective system of volunteer services, which protect life, environment and property.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to support first responders with trained volunteers that organize themselves at the disaster site and provide immediate assistance to victims. We are committed to providing the best public service through education, training and volunteer service.



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**Community
Emergency
Response Team**



“Our most important community resource is a well-trained and committed volunteer.”

Fire Chief John Wu
City of Naperville
Emergency Preparedness Manager

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 nationwide.

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's professional response, CERT members can assist others 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

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 skill base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

CERT training will teach participants to:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.

8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.
10. Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
14. Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

Target Audience

- Neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting Organizations
- School Staff/Students
- Clubs/Organizations
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services

