

Hoboken is ready to build its team! Make a Difference!

C.E.R.T.

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 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.

Are you ready to join us?

If interested in joining C.E.R.T., please send us your name, address, e-mail and phone number.

By e-mail: certteam@hobokennj.org

By fax: 201-420-3258

By Mail: City of Hoboken, 94 Washington St.

Hoboken, NJ 07030 Attn: CERT TEAM

An application will be sent to you.



CERT—What is it?

Community Emergency Response Teams, or CERT, is a concept developed in 1985 by the Los Angeles Fire Department. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly, the LAFD decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens to survive until emergency personnel could arrive. Thus, CERT teams were created to provide vital services in the absence of emergency responders. Today, more than 38 states and several foreign countries have instituted the CERT system. The events of September 11 will never be forgotten; also not forgotten is how the spirit of America was awakened that day and citizens came forth to volunteer their services. President George W. Bush harnessed this spirit of volunteerism with the Citizen Corps program. CERT is a part of the Citizen Corps Program.

Course Overview

The CERT training consists of 20 hours of instruction over an eight-week period. Classes are taught by emergency responders, including Firefighters, emergency medical and law enforcement personnel from your community. The course includes the following:

- Session I: Disaster Preparedness
- Session II: Disaster Fire Suppression
- Session III: Disaster Medical Operations Part I
- Session IV: Disaster Medical Operations Part II
- Session V: Light Search & Rescue Operations
- Session VI: Disaster Psychology & Team Organization
- Session VII: Terrorism
- Session VIII: Final Exercise

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 disaster. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.

Role of CERTs in an Emergency

CERTS have been used to:

- Search for lost or kidnapped children
- Staff Emergency Operations Centers and monitor events
- Emergency Operations Center security; driving, information, assisting disabled visitors and minor first aid
- Manage “spontaneous/convergent” volunteers
- Assist Red Cross and other relief organizations on mass care

To become a CERT member you must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver’s license. If you want to volunteer your services and become trained to protect yourself and families from disasters; natural or man-made.

Become a CERT member!

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