

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 during a disaster.
- ◆ Take steps to prepare themselves and their families for a disaster.
- ◆ Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their home and workplace.
- ◆ Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resource and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- ◆ Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock.
- ◆ Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- ◆ Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- ◆ Select and set up a treatment area.
- ◆ Employ basic treatments of injuries
- ◆ Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue operations.
- ◆ Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- ◆ Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
- ◆ Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue operations.



How Can I Join?



To become a CERT member you must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.

You must complete all the requirements for the training course and want to be part of a very

special team. If you want to volunteer your services and become trained to protect yourself and families from disasters; natural or man-made.

Become a CERT team member.

For more information, contact:

The Ann Arbor Police Department
At 734-994-8775
or visit www.a2gov.org

<http://www.a2gov.org/government/safety/services/Police/Pages/PoliceHomePage.aspx>



Washtenaw County
Community
Emergency
Response Team



You CAN
Make
A Difference...



What is CERT?

(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 first few hours after a catastrophic disaster.

The LAFD created CERT to help provide vital services in the absence of emergency responders. Today, more than 38 states and several foreign countries have instituted the CERT program in their local communities.

The events of September 11, 2001 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 creation of the Citizens Corps program. CERT is one facet of the Citizens Corps program.



Course Overview

Classes are taught by emergency responders, including law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel from Washtenaw County. The course includes the following lessons:

Emergency Medical Response

Medical first response including certification in first aid, C.P.R. and use of the automated external defibrillator (AED).

Disaster Preparedness

Introduction to disasters specific to Washtenaw County, and the impact of disaster on infrastructure.



Disaster Medical Operations

Treatment strategies for life threatening conditions and principles of triage. Patient assessment and treatment for various injuries.

Search & Rescue Operations

Techniques for sizing up and searching, lifting, cribbing and removing victims; rescuer safety.

Disaster Psychology & Team Organization

The post-disaster emotional environment will be discussed. CERT organization, decision making and documentation.

Terrorism

A brief overview of terrorism and the weapons they use. Identifying targets in Washtenaw County and discussion of time/distance/shielding.

Final Exercise

Disaster simulation realistic to Washtenaw County.

