

Training is designed to cover the following:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations-Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Disaster Medical Operations-Assessment, Treatment, and Hygiene
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology

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

(610) 344-5000

For more information on the CERT program

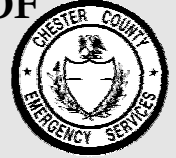
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<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/>



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# CERT

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

*“We will find ways to train and mobilize more volunteers to help when rescue and health emergencies arise”*

*President George W. Bush*

## 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 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 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. 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
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.

## Target Audience

- Chester County Residents 18yrs and older
- Neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting Organizations
- 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 the sponsoring agency and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.