



Learn How to Prepare and Help Your Community During an Emergency Disaster

What is CERT?

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a program that trains people to prepare and respond to emergency situations in their homes, neighborhood, and community. CERT members are friends, neighbors, and business colleagues that come together as a team to make a difference at an emergency incident by providing **"the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people."** Members are trained to perform tasks such as first aid, search and rescue, hazard identification, damage assessment, information collection, and much more. After receiving this training, members will have the skills and knowledge to provide critical emergency functions to the community should emergency responders be delayed.

Where is CERT?

CERT is active in over 30 Florida counties with over 5,000 neighborhood trained personnel. It is a Federal (FEMA) program also highly supported at a state, and local level. In North Fort Myers, the program is supported through our fire department and networks throughout various neighborhoods, parks, and communities in our dis-



If a Disaster

Were to hit, do you...

- Know how to prepare and have enough supplies for a minimum of 72 hours up to a month for yourself, family, and pets?
- Know how to turn off your gas?
- Know how to safely turn off your power?
- Know how to apply first aid?
- Have enough water for all your family and pets?
- Have the provisions and necessities to live outside your home if the structure is compromised?

CERT Basic Training Topics

- Personal & Family Preparedness
- Disaster Preparedness
- Team organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Medical Operations
- Medical Triage
- Damage Assessment
- Light Fire Suppression
- Fire Chemistry
- Hazardous Materials
- Utility Control
- Light Search & Rescue
- Disaster Simulation

Take CERT Training For

- Yourself
- Your Family
- Your Workplace
- Your Neighborhood



Why CERT?

Historical disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, large wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, and terrorist attacks have clearly shown that after a catastrophic disaster, during the initial phases of the incident emergency response agencies are often overwhelmed, short on personnel and resources, and are simply unable to respond right away to provide assistance. Members of the community have often had to wait hours, several days or even longer for assistance; citizens have had to step-up to help themselves and help victims in their immediate neighborhood. Why CERT? Because CERT training gives you the knowledge and skills to prepare, and should an emergency disaster strike, the ability to analyze and immediately act in a safe, efficient, and effective manner to save lives and protect property.

For more information on our CERT Program, contact our Administrative Office: 239-997-8654