



ELIGIBILITY

- Must be at least 18 years of age with a passion for volunteering and desire to learn
- Teens 13-17 may participate with written permission from parent/guardian
- Youths 11 and 12 can participate with written permission from parent/guardian and parent/guardian must accompany them to trainings.

CERT IS FREE

All CERT courses are FREE. Anyone living in Washington can request CERT instruction in their community.

Since 1993, CERT instructors have delivered trainings to city, county and state government employees, homeowners associations, hospitals, public and private businesses, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups assisted living facilities, high schools and colleges.



Serve Washington supports local CERT programs. We help ensure they meet state credentialing requirements and help community members connect to CERTs in their area.

We do not run local CERT programs.

Find an active CERT in your area:

<https://tinyurl.com/svbu2ayt>

Sign up for CERT and other emergency management trainings

<https://tinyurl.com/yc62atp5>

Still can't find what you're looking for?

Contact us!

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SERVE WASHINGTON

Serve your community during an emergency.

Become a



volunteer!



WHAT IS CERT?

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Teams. CERT members are all volunteers. CERT teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that can happen in their communities.

When you join CERT, you help play an important role before, during and after an emergency. CERT volunteers learn basic disaster response skills, team organization, fire safety protocol and light search and rescue.

Your skills can provide assistance to community members when professional first responders may not be immediately available. It also frees professional first responders to focus on more complex and critical tasks.



WHAT CAN CERT VOLUNTEERS DO IN EMERGENCIES?

- Provide basic first aid
- Check on neighbors
- Distribute information to the public
- Support local emergency centers
- Connect disaster survivors to resources
- Serve meals
- Staff lost child booths at fairs & events

DID YOU KNOW?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CERT volunteers deployed to hospitals & vaccine sites to help check in patients. They also provided transportation to homebound seniors for vaccine appointments.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ?

All CERT courses are taught by professionals with expertise in preparedness like firefighters and emergency management staff.

Course instruction and materials are available in Braille, Chinese (simplified and traditional), English, Korean and Spanish.

CERT Basic Course Curriculum (3 Days)

- **Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness**
- **Unit 2: CERT Organization**
- **Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations Part 1**
- **Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations Part 2**
- **Unit 5: Disaster Psychology**
- **Unit 6: Fire Safety and Utility Controls**
- **Unit 7: Light Search and Rescue Operations**
- **Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT**
- **Unit 9: Course Review, Final Exam and Disaster Simulation Exercise**

