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CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



About CERT

History: The city of Los Angeles, CA Fire Department founded CERT in 1985 as a way to help citizens help themselves in the event of a local crisis. Thirty years later, CERT has grown to over 1,100 CERT programs registered across the nation, including 85 CERT programs in Missouri alone.

Training: The CERT program provides basic emergency skills training to citizens of the community so that they are prepared when disaster strikes. With CERT training, community members assist in response and recovery efforts in the wake of a major disaster or emergency event.

What CERT Stands For: Community • Emergency • Response • Team

Community: A community is not simply defined as a group of people living in the same geographical area. A community is a group of people who support one another and rely on each other for the greater good of all. When a disaster strikes, a community must band together to help take care of one another.

Emergency: CERT is a 20-24 hour course which gives community members the basic skills to respond to emergencies in their community, such as:

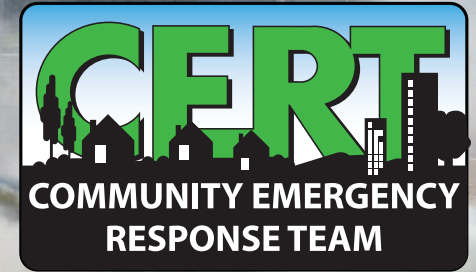
- * Basic Emergency Medicine
- * Disaster Preparedness
- * Search and Rescue Operations
- * Small Fire Suppression
- * Terrorism Awareness

Response: CERT volunteers are a great line of defense in the event of a disaster.

CERT training provides volunteers with the knowledge and ability to help themselves, their families, and their neighbors in the wake of a disaster – doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Team: CERT is open to everyone. CERT training brings private citizens, businesses, school staff and students, church organizations, neighborhood watch groups and scouting programs, among others, together to help one another handle crisis.

Through CERT, all members of the community can work together to assist one another in the event of a disaster.



Why We Need CERT:

- * The Southwest Missouri region experiences severe weather – ice storms, unpredictable winter weather, and tornado outbreaks are all a threat.
- * Nearly all disaster declarations involve flooding.
- * House fires and other household and work-related hazards necessitate response.
- * Our community becomes stronger when trained citizens are able to assist in disaster response efforts.



CERT Animal Rescue Team (CART):

The Springfield-Greene County CART is a group of trained CERT volunteers who coordinate animal response efforts during times of disaster. CART partners with the Emergency Veterinary Clinic of Southwest Missouri to facilitate training of volunteers and activation of animal response.

Become a CERT Member:

Contact the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management for upcoming CERT class schedule and enrollment information.
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Join CERT and take a proactive step to become prepared and protect your family, your home and your community from disaster!