

Are You Ready to Help Your Family and Community? Don't be Scared... Be Prepared!

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For more information on CERT and what a team does, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams>



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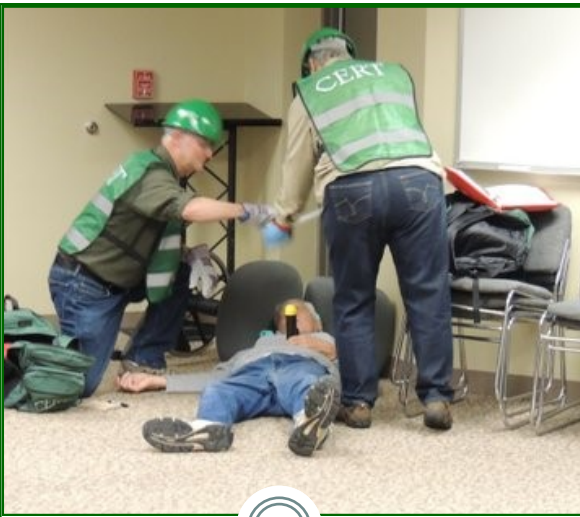
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**Beavercreek Township
Fire Department
CERT Team**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



What is CERT?

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

What does CERT do?

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. One also expects that under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. If we can predict that emergency services will not meet immediate needs following a major disaster, especially if there is no warning as in a Tornado and people will spontaneously volunteer, what can government do to prepare citizens for this eventuality?

First, present citizens the facts about what to expect following a major disaster in terms of immediate services. Second, give the message about their responsibility for mitigation and preparedness. Third, train them in needed lifesaving skills with emphasis on decision making skills, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Fourth, organize teams so that they are an extension of first responder services offering immediate help to victims until professional services arrive.

What's involved in the training?

Training is conducted by firefighters or other trained CERT leaders. Sessions are usually scheduled either on successive weekends or weekday evenings. Training sessions will address:

- ◆ **Disaster Preparedness**
- ◆ **Fire Suppression**
- ◆ **Medical Aid**
- ◆ **Search and Rescue**
- ◆ **Disaster Psychology and Team Organization**
- ◆ **Disaster Simulations**
- ◆ **Terrorism Response**

