

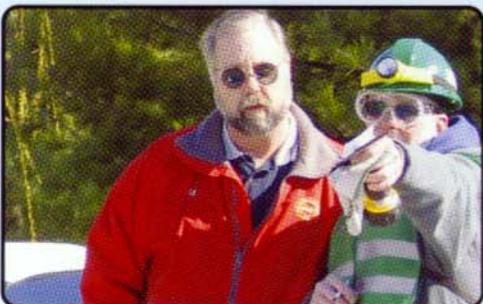
CERT

 Community Emergency Response Team

CERT members learn to evaluate injuries.



Emergency conditions are simulated as part of the CERT training program.



CERTs organize and manage spontaneous volunteers.

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The CERT Training Program is hosted by the La Porte County Emergency Management Agency and the Michigan City Emergency Management Agency using professional instructors from the cities of La Porte and Michigan City, as well as the county. To register for classes offered in all areas of La Porte County, contact the Michigan City office.



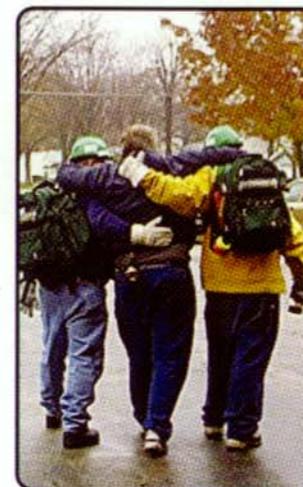
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CERT – FEMA Training for Local Community Preparedness

What is CERT and why is there a need?

Each year, many communities are rocked by severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, winter storms or by "man made" disasters. The damage caused by a disaster affects everyone. Disasters can:

- severely restrict and overwhelm emergency response resources, communications, transportation and utilities.
- leave individuals and neighborhoods cut-off from outside emergency support.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports that as many as 80% of all victims of a major disaster are cared for by bystanders (friends, family, and neighbors). The premise of the CERT program is that patriotic bystanders will be utilized in a disaster, so why not have them trained in advance?



CERTs treat and triage (sort) victims.

What if this happened to you?

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to take care of themselves and then help others in their communities for the first three days following a disaster. This is when debris-clogged or damaged roads, or high volume of calls may prevent access by emergency response personnel. The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all of their own needs and then to be able to respond to their communities' needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

What does the course involve?

The Community Emergency Response Team course consists of 21 hours of training. Classes are taught by professional emergency responders, including firefighters, emergency medical and law enforcement personnel, from your community. The course is offered free-of-charge.

Training is designed to cover the following:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations—Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Disaster Medical Operations—Assessment, Treatment, and Hygiene
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- CERT Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Course Review & Disaster Demonstration.

The course culminates with a full-scale exercise, post critique, and graduation.



CERTs learn to safely move/transport victims.

If you are interested in becoming a CERT member in your neighborhood:

Contact John Jones, Director, Michigan City Emergency Management, to register for training classes.

Call 873-1499 and leave your name, phone number, mailing address and email address along with your message or email that information to jjones@emichigancity.com to receive a training application. More information can be accessed online at emichigancity.com under Emergency Management.



A group of recent CERT training program graduates. Backpacks filled with supplies are free to graduates.

After receiving your completed application we will place you on a waiting list for future classes. You decide when a scheduled class is convenient for you.

Organizations, learning institutions, or neighborhoods that organize a complete team (8-10 people, or more) will be given pre-registration priority. Complete teams may receive customized scheduling and class locations to fit their needs.

People on the waiting list will receive notification of each class offering and a newsletter.

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