



FEMA

CERT

ICPD Individual and Community Preparedness Division

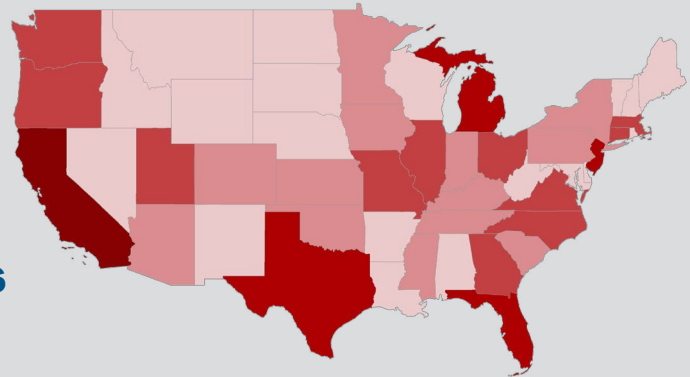
The national Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program trains volunteers to prepare for the types of disasters that their community may face. Through hands-on practice and realistic exercises, CERT members:

- Learn how to safely respond to man-made and natural hazards;
- Help organize basic disaster response; and
- Promote preparedness within their communities.

CERT members aim to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Since 1986, **more than 600,000 Americans** have completed **CERT training**.



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Specialized CERT programs:

- Campus CERT
- Teen CERT
- Workplace CERT



Members learn:

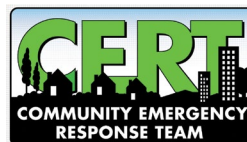
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster medical operations
- Fire safety and utility controls
- Leadership in disasters
- Traffic and crowd management



There is a role for everyone in CERT. Speak with your local **CERT Program Manager** to learn how to get involved.



CERT members build preparedness by organizing their communities before disasters.



Nationwide, there are more than **2,800+** **local CERT** programs.

Prepared to Act

CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks.

Trainings and Tools

Online and in-person courses, as well as other local training activities, help CERT members to be ready when disaster strikes.

Full Courses

IS-317-Introduction to CERT (Online):

An independent study course that serves as an introduction to CERT.



CERT Basic:

Delivered in the community by a team of first responders and other qualified volunteers, this course is the foundation of the program.



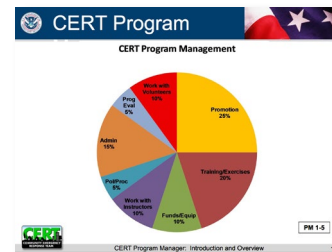
Train-the-Trainer:

Experienced CERT leaders teach new CERT trainers how to train their own teams.



Program Manager:

New CERT leaders learn how to start, develop, and sustain local CERT programs.



Additional Resources



Hazard-Specific Training

Additional training modules allow communities to provide more in-depth training on the hazards they are most likely to face.



Inclusive Training

Accommodations to make CERT training accessible for people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.



Specialized Modules

CERT members build robust skill sets through trainings on advanced topics such as emergency communications and animal response.



Community-Based Trainings

Many CERT training materials and program management tools are available free of charge.

Get more information at ready.gov/CERT.