

# “Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number of People”

The CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits their communities. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well.

*Ready to join?*

Sign up on our website below  
or contact us for more info

<https://www.rcema.us/cert>

*Make a difference in your community today!*

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# Community Emergency Response Team





## History of CERT

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1985. CERT then became a national program in 1993. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories. Each is unique to its community and all are essential to building a Culture of Preparedness in the United States. There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide and more than 600,000 people have trained since CERT became a national program.

## Target Audience

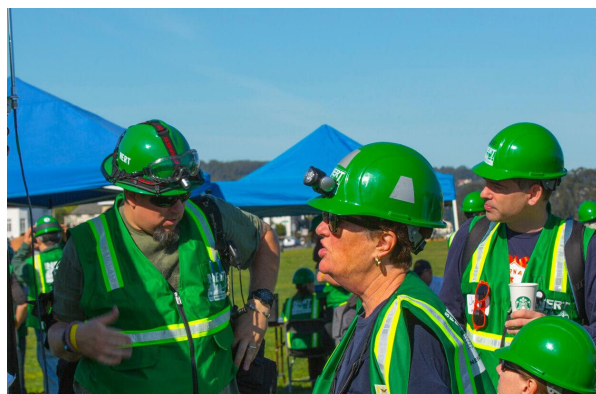
- Neighborhoods
- Businesses
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting Organizations
- School Staff
- Clubs/Organizations
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- People just wanting to help others



This **FREE** training is normally delivered in eight 2 ½ hour blocks to include:

- ~ Emergency Preparedness ~
  - ~ Fire Safety ~
- ~ Disaster Medical Operations I ~
- ~ Disaster Medical Operations II ~
- ~ Light Search and Rescue ~
  - ~ CERT Organization ~
  - ~ Disaster Psychology ~
  - ~ Terrorism and CERT ~
- ~ Course Review & Disaster Simulation ~

Continued training is also provided!



# FEMA

## What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program through FEMA, educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact Russell County and trains them in basic disaster response skills. 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. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

