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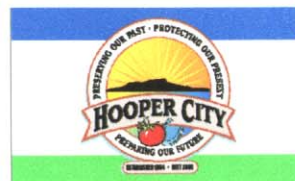
The purpose of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course is to provide private citizens who complete the course with the basic skills that they will need to respond to their community's immediate needs in the aftermath of a major disaster, when emergency services are not immediately available.

By working together, CERTs can assist in saving lives and protecting property using the basic techniques in this course.



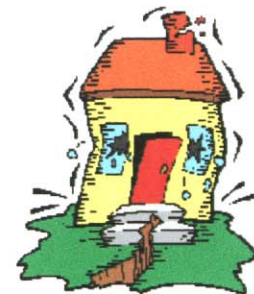
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Why is there a need for CERTs?

Each year a number of communities fall victim to some disaster. This may be in the form of an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, blizzard, flood or "man-made disasters."

The damage caused by natural disasters such as these effect all elements of society and government.

- Severely restrict and overwhelm emergency response resources, communications, transportation and utilities.
- Hamper emergency response due to damaged roads, bridges, overpasses, downed power lines etc.
- Leave many individuals and neighborhoods cut off from outside support.



The First 72 Hours

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to help communities mitigate disasters during the first 72 hours following a disaster when damaged roads, disrupted communications, high call volume, etc., may restrict access by professional emergency response teams.

The Purpose of CERT training to provide private citizens with the basic skills that they will need to handle virtually all of their own needs and then to respond to assist their community's needs in the aftermath of disaster.

Course Content

The course consists of a total of 21 hours of training, 3 hours one night a week for seven weeks. Classes are taught by trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and EMTs.

Week 1: Disaster Preparedness

Introduction to disaster, impact of disasters on infrastructures, hazards posed by buildings and nonstructural items, the role of CERTs in disaster response.

Week 2: Fire Suppression

Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards, basic fire suppression strategy, firefighting resources, firefighting techniques.

Week 3: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1

Treatment strategies for life threatening conditions and principles of triage.

Week 4: Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2



Head to toe assessments, treatment for head wounds, treatment for fractures, sprains burns and other injuries.

Week 5: Light Search and Rescue

Search and rescue priorities and resources, techniques for size-up and search, lifting, cribbing and removing victims, rescuer safety.

Week 6: Disaster Psychology and Team Organization

The post-disaster emotional environment the incident command, CERT strategies, tactics, and documentation.

Week 7: Course Review and Disaster Simulation Exercise.

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