

Community Emergency Response Team



When a Disaster Strikes.....

- Initial Event
 - Tornado
 - Earthquake
 - Flood
 - Ice Storm
 - Etc.



When a Disaster Strikes.....



■ Secondary Events

Injuries

Fires

Power & Utility Failures

Communications

Failures

Transportation

Interruptions

Result

Disasters overwhelm the community's emergency response systems.

U.S. Averages (FEMA statistics)

Fire: 265 to 1

Police: 334 to 1

EMS: 325 to 1

After a Disaster:

- Professional help may be hours or even days away
- 80% of assistance given immediately after a disaster comes from “average citizens”



What Can We Do?

- Learn about community alerts, warnings, and evacuation routes
- Take training
- Practice skills and personal plans
- Network and help others
- Give feedback to the community
- Report suspicious activity
- Volunteer

Just Remember:

VVolunteers can place themselves in extremely dangerous situations with little to no training.

C.E.R.T.'s Objective

Train citizens to:

- Help Yourself
- Help Your Family
- Help Your Community



Fire Safety & Suppression



- Fire Chemistry
- Fire & Utility Hazards
- C.E.R.T. Size-Up

- Fire Suppression Techniques
- Hazardous Materials



Disaster Medical Operations

- Functions of Disaster Medical Operations
- Triage



- Patient Assessment
- Treatment Basics & Set-Up
- Health & Hygiene

Light Search and Rescue



- Situation Size-Up
- Operations Planning
- Search Techniques

- Safe Debris Removal Techniques
- Personnel Extraction Methods

Disaster Psychology



- Recognizing Signs
 - Yourself
 - Others

- Rescuers and Victims
- Understanding the Impact



Team Organization



- C.E.R.T. and Responder Organization
 - ICS
- Roles in Emergency Response
- Safety

C.E.R.T. And Terrorism

- Define Terrorism
- Target Choice
- Weapons
- CBRNE Indicators



What to Do Once You Are Certified:

Prepare *Before* Disasters By:

- Identifying Potential Hazards
- Reducing Hazards and Increasing Safety
- Preparing Yourself and Your Family for Disasters

What to Do Once You Are Certified:

Respond *After* a Disaster By:

- Reporting Observations
- Turning Off Utilities When Needed
- Suppressing Small Fires
- Treating Life-Threatening Injuries
- Conducting Light Search and Rescue
- Helping Victims Cope with Their Emotions

Beyond C.E.R.T.

- Amateur Radio (HAM)
- ARC CPR
- ARC AED
- ARC First Aid
- Traffic Control
- Community Awareness



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