



The Community Emergency Response Team or CERT is organized under the direction of the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Division Of Emergency Management, to support and direct county wide training and education in disaster planning and preparedness.

CERT Volunteers receive special training which enhances their ability to prepare, respond, and recover from a disaster situation.

CERT Volunteers are trained by first responders and emergency management personnel in areas that will help them take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors before, during and after a disaster.

When a major emergency overwhelms normally available resources, response delays of hours or even days may occur. As an organized team, CERT Volunteers may provide vital services in the absence of emergency responders.

OUR MOTTO IS:

"Do the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

With training and practice, CERT volunteers work together as a team, while protecting themselves from becoming victims.

Typically, students attend nine (9) weekly classes held one night a week. The classes run approximately 3 hours each night.

- Previous emergency experience is not required.



Training, materials and equipment are provided free of charge!

To register for the next class, go to the Sheriffscitrus.org website and scroll down to the CERT section to print out a CERT Volunteer application. After you fill out the application, return it to

**Citrus County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Volunteer Program
1 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue
Inverness, FL 34450.**



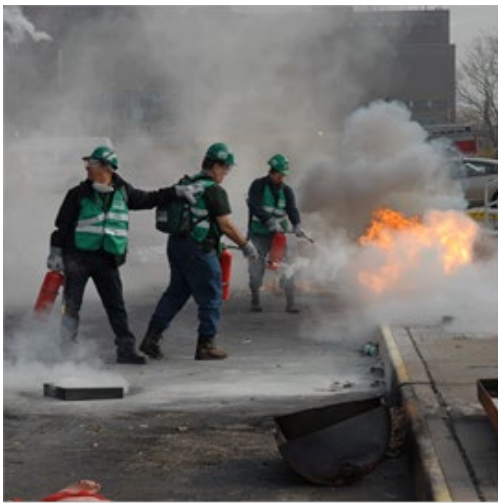
*Welcome to
Citrus County CERT*



Contact us at:
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Division of Emergency Management
CERT Office
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CERT Website: www.sheriffcitrus.org
- Scroll to Quick Links, click on Emergency Operations.
- Scroll down to the CERT section
- This brochure and CERT volunteer application is available here.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTION

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERT has been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes collaboration between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills to be integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participation in exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.

CERT Training will cover the following:

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Safety

Disaster Medical Operations - Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries

Disaster Medical Operations- Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene

Light Search and Rescue

Team Organization

Disaster Psychology

Terrorism and CERT

Citrus County CERT is divided into two divisions with four separate geographical quadrants: NW, NE, SE, and SW. CERT volunteers are assigned to the quadrant in which they reside. We are sanctioned by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, Division Of Emergency Management.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- NEIGHBORHOODS
- BUSINESSES
- COMMUNITIES OF FAITH
- SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS
- SCHOOL STAFF/STUDENTS
- CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS
- AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES

CERT Training will teach participants to:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.
10. Employ treatment for various wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
14. Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

CITIZENS CORPS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Citizens Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disaster of all kinds.