

## What is C.E.R.T.?

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations, recognizing that citizens will initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference.

Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires, provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims safely, and organize spontaneous volunteers to be effective. To learn more about CERT, visit the CERT page on the Butler County Emergency Management website:

<http://www.bucoks.com/index.aspx?NID=222>

**This nationally recognized course teaches CERT members to perform essential life-saving functions while awaiting the arrival of professional emergency responders following a disaster.**



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## Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training



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# Units of Instruction

## Disaster Prep

In this unit we will conduct an overview of disaster situations that might threaten our communities. We will address our local risks and hazards, from severe weather to flooding to grassfires, and then identify ways to prepare to handle these emergencies. Participants will discuss sheltering, emergency kits, evacuations and how to obtain accurate and timely information.

## Basic Fire Suppression



In the Fire Safety unit, class members will learn about the basics of fire suppression. Participants will discuss proper size-up of a fire situation, operation of fire extinguishers, and the risks and hazards associated with fire scenes.

This unit also includes a basic hazardous materials orientation. This knowledge enables CERT members to recognize and identify a hazardous materials threat and notify the proper authorities.

The unit will wrap up with hands-on fire suppression practice.

## Disaster Medical

Part 1 of Disaster Medical Operations is an introduction to disaster medical situations. Participants will learn to recognize and treat several immediate life-threatening conditions, as well as familiarizing themselves with disaster triage.

The second unit of Disaster Medical Ops concentrates on the organization of disaster medical operations. Participants will learn how to treat a variety of injuries, from broken bones to burns, establish disaster treatment areas, and address some of the public health concerns associated with disasters.



Both of these units will include hands-on practice and activities.

## Light Search & Rescue



Light Search & Rescue includes aspects of planning, search and rescue size-up, conducting search operations and conducting rescue operations. Participants will learn and practice search methods, as well as techniques for stabilizing debris and extricating victims.

## Team Organization and Other Units

Additional class topics will include a look at the organization of CERT teams, as well as units on terrorism and disaster psychology (how such

events can affect not only victims, but rescuers as well). Also addressed will be how team members are incorporated into the emergency response community's Incident Management System.

## The Finale

The finale for the course will include a written exam and a simulated disaster scenario that tests the skills acquired during the training program.

Upon successful completion of all units of the CERT Training Program, Citizen Corp certificates will be issued to participants.



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Visit our website for more information on the local CERT team or to find out details about upcoming classes. You can also call the office of Butler County Emergency Management; we would be happy to talk with you further about this rewarding volunteer program!

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