



Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services of gas, water, electricity or telephones were cut off? Local officials and emergency responders will be on scene after the disaster, but they may not reach everyone right away.

Citizens who are prepared in advance can work as a team and provide essential services to their neighborhood and workplace in the event of a disaster. By training as a Clovis Emergency Response Team member (CERT), you can play a vital role in the City's disaster recovery efforts.



CLOVIS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The mission of the CERT 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 disasters.

A collaborative effort between the City of Clovis and Fresno Citizens Corps.



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A collaborative effort to ensure safety and livability in the community



What is CERT?

The Clovis Emergency Response Team program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the Clovis area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using classroom and simulation based education, CERT members can assist others in the neighborhood or workplace immediately following an event when emergency responders may not be immediately available to help.

Who Can Take The Training?

Anyone over 18 can participate. Natural for the training are neighborhood watch, Clovis organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose



How Does CERT Benefit a Community?

A CERT success story comes from events during wildfires in Florida. The Edgewater CERT helped emergency management and the Fire Department personnel by assisting with evacuation, handling donations, preparing food for those displaced and performing other services to allow emergency responders to stay on-scene where their skills were best utilized. This is a great example of personnel working together for the benefit of the community.

What if I Have Concerns About My Age or Physical Ability?

There are many jobs within CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, CERT members are needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. Non-disaster related team activities include keeping databases website development, newsletters, planning activities, and outreach efforts to the elderly.



How Do I Take CERT Training?

Taking CERT training is easy, fun and a great way for your business or neighborhood strengthen working and personal relationships that will be vital in responding to an emergency. CERT training is free and is accomplished in as little as 20-hours culminating with a final disaster simulation exercise applying the skills participants have learned. Training is broken up into eight (8) modules:

- ⇒ Emergency Preparedness
- ⇒ CERT Organization
- ⇒ Disaster Psychology
- ⇒ Fire Safety
- ⇒ Light Search and Rescue
- ⇒ Emergency Medical Operations
- ⇒ Terrorism
- ⇒ Disaster Simulation Exercise

CERT training is offered throughout the year in Clovis and Fresno to allow participants to complete the modules at their own pace. Businesses and large groups interested in sending blocks of participants through can elect to schedule training at their location or at Clovis Fire/Police Headquarters over a period of time to alleviate the impact on their normal operations. For a CERT training calendar or to schedule training for your group, please contact the CERT Coordinator at 559-324-2217.



Become a CERT Volunteer!

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