

What is CERT?

CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

As a member of a CERT team, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT teams are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities.



In 95 percent of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. Would you know what to do?



What do CERT teams do in an emergency?

Under the direction of local emergency responders, CERT teams help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive.

How does CERT help the community?

In addition to supporting emergency responders during a disaster, the CERT program builds strong working relationships between emergency responders and the people they serve. CERT teams also participate with the community year-round by helping with community emergency plans, neighborhood exercises, emergency preparedness information, and education, and workplace safety.



The Benefits of CERT training

The CERT training is a 20-hour course approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response.

Participants learn how to:

- Identify and anticipate hazards
- Reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace
- Extinguish small fires
- Assist emergency responders
- Conduct light search and rescue
- Set-up medical treatment areas
- Help reduce survivor stress
- Apply basic medical techniques



Who should take CERT training?

- People interested in taking an active role in hometown preparedness
- Neighborhood Watch groups
- Community leaders
- Parents
- Communities of faith
- Scouting and youth organizations
- Students, teachers, and administrators
- Members of clubs and civic organizations
- You!





Under the direction of the Anaheim Fire Department Office of Disaster Preparedness, the City of Anaheim began CERT training with community residents and businesses in 1992.

Having adopted the motto, "neighbors helping neighbors," Anaheim CERT has partnered with local and county agencies to provide some of the best and most interactive training.

Now is the time to get involved and discover what other CERT Volunteers have already experienced as they learned how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a disaster.

To learn more, visit our website at www.anaheim.net/disasterpreparedness/cert or call the CERT hotline at (714) 765-6949

The Ready OC campaign is an educational program informing residents and businesses throughout Orange County about the importance of preparing for any kind of natural or man-made disaster. Working together, everyone can make a difference in creating awareness, motivating preparedness and encouraging involvement.

Your participation in Anaheim CERT and involvement within your community to spread the word about being ready can save lives and property!

Be Prepared!
Be Aware!
Be Involved!



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