Disasters — big or small — can strike at any time...

YOU can be prepared!



CERT is active year round!

CERT volunteers are trained to provide support during a disaster.

In addition, CERT develops working relationships between professional responders and the people they serve.

CERT volunteers can assist throughout the year by helping with:

- preparedness outreach,
- community emergency plans,
- neighborhood exercises,
- fire and workplace safety awareness,
- and more!

No matter where you live, no matter who you are, everyone plays a role in hometown preparedness.

It starts with YOU!

Locally, Clackamas Fire District #1 supports CERT in Boring, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, and Oregon City. www.clackamasfire/cert.html

What role will YOU play?

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CERT is an integral part of Citizen Corps, a national grass-roots movement that actively involves residents in making communities and the nation safer, stronger, better prepared, and more resilient.

To learn more about CERT and other national Citizen Corps programs, visit www.citizencorps.gov



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What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a federal training program administered at the local level.

CERT prepares individuals to help themselves, their family, and their neighbors in the event of a disaster.

During a large incident, professional emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away.

CERT volunteers are known and trusted resources that can help save lives and protect property.

What do CERT volunteers do?

In a disaster, CERT volunteers help others until professional emergency personnel can arrive.

Under the direction of professionals, CERT volunteers help provide critical support by:

- giving immediate assistance to victims,
- doing damage assessment,
- organizing other volunteers,
- supporting emergency shelter operations,
- managing crowd control, and
- implementing evacuation procedures.



The free CERT course provides 25 hours of critical skills training in emergency preparedness and response.

Participants learn to:

- identify hazards and anticipate
 emergency situations
- reduce fire hazards and extinguish small fires
- conduct light search and rescue operations and assessment
- set up treatment areas and apply basic medical techniques, and
- help reduce survivor stress.

Who should take CERT training?

- Those concerned about their own household's resiliency
- Those interested in an active role in hometown preparedness
- Community leaders
- Parents, teachers, administrators, and students
- Neighborhood Watch groups
- Communities of faith
- Scouting and youth organizations
- Clubs and civic organizations

