

VOLUNTEER

CERT Teams have been utilized for

- Search for lost or kidnapped children
- Staff Emergency Operations Centers and monitor events
- Secure Emergency Operations Centers
- Assist in providing minor first aid
- Manage "spontaneous/convergent" volunteers
- Assist Red Cross and other relief organizations on mass care



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"The County is dedicated to the safety and security of all citizens of Fort Bend County and strongly supports the Citizen Corps initiative."

County Judge Robert Hebert



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Fort Bend County Community Emergency Response Team

Be part of
an organized
CERT Team
trained to protect
yourself, your
family and your
community



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 services 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 that support emergency responders and their communities.

In 95 percent of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene.

Do you know what to do?



What do CERT teams do in an emergency?

Utilizing training provided by members of the local Fire and Police Departments and coordinated with the Fort Bend County's Office of Emergency Management, CERT teams will support first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members will also assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

How does CERT help Fort Bend County?

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members will be able to assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT teams will focus on:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Medical Operations
- Light Search & Rescue Operations
- Situation Assessment
- Utility Control and Shut Off
- Debris Removal

CERT volunteers will be equipped with basic items that will include an identification badge, response vest, helmet, flashlight and medical kit.

The benefits of CERT training:

CERT training takes about 24 hours to complete over eight weeks 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 & rescue
- Set up treatment areas
- Apply basic medical techniques
- Help reduce survivor stress

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 groups
- Students, teachers, and administrators
- Members of clubs and civic groups