

## Target Audience

- Neighborhoods & Communities
- Businesses
- Communities of Faith
- Clubs/Organizations
- Amateur Radio Operators



**CERT** members use cribbing to free a trapped victim during an exercise.

CERT training is taught by professional from the following agencies in our community:

- Emergency Management
- Cahaba Valley Fire
- Columbiana Emergency Management
- Chelsea Fire
- Summerhill Fire
- Volunteer Instructor Assistants

## Class Registration

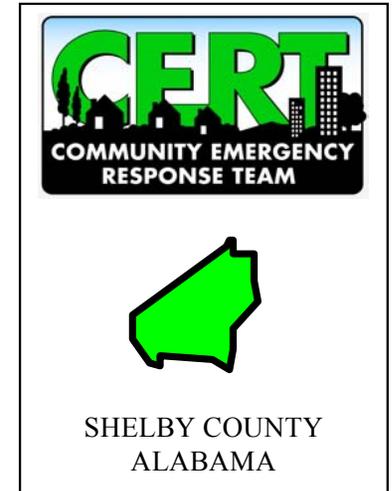
Persons interested in CERT training should speak to others in their neighborhood, business, place of worship, or organization and encourage a group to attend the class. This will allow you to develop a team. Individuals are also welcome to take the class.

To pre-register for a class, please contact:

Shelby County  
Emergency Management Agency  
669-3999

  
*Learn more and join today!*

Do you want to know what you can do to help after a disaster?



“Neighbor helping neighbor”

CERT training for Local Community Preparedness is sponsored by FEMA through the Shelby County Emergency Management Agency.

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## CERT training includes...

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations  
– Triage and Treating Life  
Threatening Injuries
- Light Search and Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final Exercise

## About CERT Classes

CERT classes are conducted one night per week for 7 weeks, from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Other class times, such as Saturday, will be considered.

Class sizes are limited to 26 people. Classes must have at least 12 people pre-registered before they will be held.

## CERT Training will teach participants to:

- Understand the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities and take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
- Recognize the function of CERT and its role in immediate response.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, re-resources, and safety measure to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- Select and set up a treatment area.
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations and describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.
- Apply the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, using the model created by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, began promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept in 1994. Since then, CERT's have been established in hundreds of communities.

CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the communities' response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills also apply to daily emergencies.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the sponsoring agency and others that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.