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ABOUT CERT

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, CERTs 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 community's professional 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.



CERT Training will teach participants to:

- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities
- Describe the function of **CERT** and their roles in immediate response
- Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures 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
- Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication
- Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue

Qualifications for a North Kansas City CERT Member:

Being a **CERT** volunteer means you are an important representative of our community. With such an important role **CERT** members need to be held to a standard set forth as that of the North Kansas City **CERT**. Those standards are:

- Passed your 18th birthday
- High school education or equivalent
- Clean driving record
- Drug and Alcohol free
- Reside within a fifteen minute driving distance
- Submit to an application and background process
- **Students** participating through the **High School Program** must be 15 years of age and have signed parental consent and parent participation



North Kansas City CERT member activities:

- Interact with Police & Fire Division personnel
- Able to respond within your community during a disaster event
- Trained severe weather storm spotters
- Certified emergency shelter managers
- Participate in Public Safety and City civic events
- Interact with other **CERT** teams in the KC metro area
- Opportunity to become an amateur radio operator



CERT Training is designed to cover the following:

Session I

Disaster Preparedness

Session II

Fire Suppression

Session III

Disaster Medical Operations-Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries

Session IV

Disaster Medical Operations-Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene

Session V

Light Search and Rescue

Session VII

Terrorism and CERT

Session VIII

Final Exercise and Testing

Each session requires approximately two to three hours to complete.



For more information about CERT visit www.citizenscorps.gov/cert

For education and training opportunities, contact the North Kansas City Community Emergency Response Team at 816.412.7937, or visit www.nkc.org | Police Department

