

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

**WE NEED
YOUR
HELP!**

Our goal in the CERT program is to help you prepare to take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbors in case of a large-scale emergency which may overwhelm first responders!

- Types of Natural Disasters
- Hurricanes and tropical storms
 - Landslides & debris flow
 - Thunderstorms and lightning
 - Tornadoes
 - Wildfire
 - Winter and ice storms
 - Sinkholes
 - Earthquakes
 - Floods/Flashfloods

- Types of Manmade disasters
- Hazardous materials
 - Power service disruption & blackout
 - Nuclear power plant and nuclear blast
 - Radiological emergencies
 - Chemical threat and biological weapons
 - Cyber attacks
 - Explosion
 - Civil unrest

**CERT MEMBERS ARE NOT
FIRST RESPONDERS!**



Ways you can help:

Sign up for a CERT training class by contacting the BC MO CERT by email at bcmocert@gmail.com Or call Deputy Director Sam Henley at 660-438-8412.

Visit us online at <https://bcmoem.com/benton-county-mo-cert/>

Join us for a meeting on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm at the Benton County 911 1231 Hirsch Pkwy Warsaw, Missouri 65355

The FREE CERT Basic Course is delivered in the community by a team of first responders and other qualified volunteers. The organization and timing of training and meeting vary from program to program. It is often broken up into two to four-hour blocks over a series of evenings or weekends.

Disaster Preparedness
Fire Suppression
Medical Operations Part I
Medical Operations Part II
Light Search and Rescue Operations
Psychology and Team Organization
Course Review and Disaster Simulation
...And MORE!

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ROLES CERT

MEMBERS CAN FILL

- Fire Suppression
- Light Search and Rescue
- Medical Triage
- Clearing the emergency area of bystanders
- Spontaneous volunteer intake
- Paperwork
- Communications
- Manning shelters
- Intake and distribution of supplies like food/water
- Evacuation/Relocation
- Man the EOC
- Traffic/crowd control