

**BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE  
TEAM**



**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

**For those curious about the **CERT** Training Program, we have created this list of frequently asked questions to help you decide whether volunteering to become a **CERT** member is right for you!**

**What is **CERT**?**

**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.**

**Who can take the training?**

**We welcome all adults, no matter your age!**

**What about teens?**

**There is a Teen **CERT** training program available based on demand.**

**Would I have to respond to disasters?**

**You would never be an intentional first responder.**

****CERT** training does tell you what to do if you happen upon an accident or other emergency and it will take some time for first responders to arrive.**

**Why take **CERT** training? Local businesses and governments can prepare for emergencies, but they can be overwhelmed by larger scale events. **CERT** training gives you the skills, abilities, and organization to take care of you, your family, and your neighbors while you wait for help!**

**Does the coordinator teach all parts of the class?**

**No, we have professionals teach their area of expertise and the coordinator teaches the introduction, **CERT** organization, and any other parts necessary.**

**Existing team members also assist with practicals!**

**How do I sign up for **CERT** training in Benton County, MO?**

**Contact the BC MO **CERT** via email at [bcmocert@gmail.com](mailto:bcmocert@gmail.com) or **CERT** PIO Samantha Henley can be reached at (573) 569-3673.**

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