

In 95 percent of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. Would you know what to do?

### The benefits of CERT training.

*CERT training takes about 20 hours to complete 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 and rescue
- Set up medical 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 organizations
- Students, teachers, and administrators

# Plan. Prepare. Get Involved.

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## Community Emergency Response Team Program



**AIDING NEIGHBORHOODS,  
COMMUNITIES,  
ORGANIZATIONS AND  
BUSINESSES IN PREPARING  
FOR EMERGENCIES.**

### REGION 44 CERT

#### Boone:

Albion, Cedar Rapids,  
Petersburg, Primrose,  
St Edward

#### Merrick:

Archer Central City,  
Chapman, Clarks,  
Palmer, Silver Creek

#### Nance:

Belgrade, Fullerton,  
Genoa



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Local Emergency Planning Committee

Government Industry Community

Partners in Safety

*Region 44 Emergency Management and each County's Local Emergency Planning Committee have partnered to create a single CERT Program to prepare individual citizens in communities, businesses, schools, and institutions in emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques and enable them to prepare, as volunteers, to take an active role in providing critical support to Public Safety Agencies in Boone, Merrick, and Nance Counties.*

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*The Region 44 Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program's mission is to enhance individual and family emergency preparedness while safeguarding our community through efficient and effective volunteer service, which helps protect life and property ensuring "the greatest good, for the greatest number, in the shortest amount of time."*

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

*The purpose of CERT program is to teach members of the community to become better prepared by assisting in emergencies and disasters by developing lifesaving skills. CERT members will assist local government by responding during disaster situations where the number and scope of incidents may have overwhelmed conventional emergency services.*

## **About CERT...**

**CERT 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 the 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 through Emergency Management that further their skills base. Finally, CERT members can volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness.**



**Do you have to be a member of the team?** No. The CERT course will benefit any citizen who takes it. This individual will be better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster.

### **What do CERT teams do in an emergency?**

Under the direction of local emergency responders, CERT teams help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive.

