

**Community Emergency Response
Teams (CERT)**

+Staff a community education booth at
municipal functions

+Distribute disaster education material
in your neighborhood

+Assist with the publication &
distribution of CERT newsletter

+Help organize drills, activities, and
supplemental training for your team

+Participate in a speaker's bureau to
schools and clubs

+Help with the administrative duties of
CERT by maintaining databases,
helping with class registration and
assisting with class logistics.

+Organize recognition activities for
volunteers.

+After CERT training, assist in
evacuation, shelter management,
donations management, caring for first
responders at emergencies, mass care
of victims from a large event, damage
assessment and perimeter control

**CERT IS PART OF FEMA/
HOMELAND SECURITY**

TARGET MEMBERS

+NEIGHBORHOODS

+BUSINESSES

+CHURCH COMMUNITIES

+SCOUTING ORGANIZATIONS

+EDUCATIONAL
COMMUNITIES

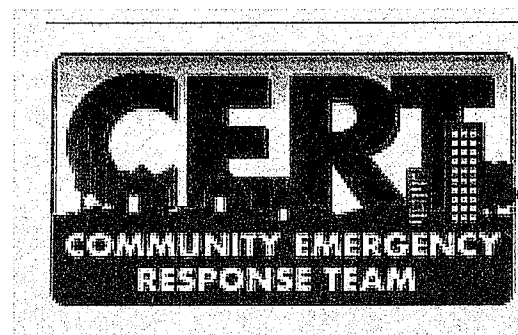
+CLUBS & INTEREST GROUPS

+AMATEUR RADIO
OPERATORS



**THE
SOUTHEAST
CERT**

**South
East
Area
Residents
Committed to
Helping others**



*Serving the Communities of
Bedford, Bedford Hts., Maple Hts.,
Oakwood Village, Walton Hills, &
Warrensville Hts.*

If interested in joining, please complete the form and mail to Southeast CERT P.O. 46144 Bedford, OH 44146.

Name: _____
Address: _____ _____
Phone: () _____
Cell: () _____
Pager: () _____
Work Phone: () _____
Email: _____
Occupation: _____
Special Skills: _____ _____ _____ _____

Certified CERT members *must agree* to a BACKGROUND CHECK.

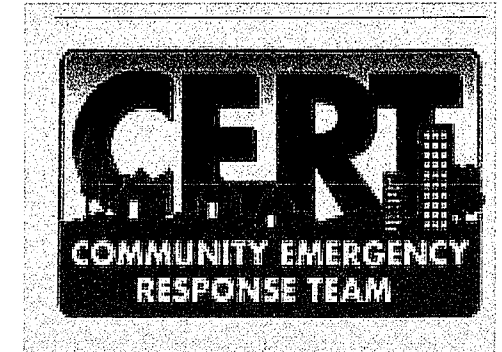
ABOUT CERT

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.

CERT training promotes a partnership of efforts between emergency services and the community in which 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 in training. These skills can help sustain and save lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills can also be applied to daily emergencies.

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



Why CERT??

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for 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. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.