



## Target Audience for CERT:

- Colleges and Universities
- Schools (clubs/organizations)
- Neighborhoods
- Scout Groups
- Faith-based Organizations
- Community Organizations
- Business and Industry
- Individuals
- Anyone wishing to be better prepared in the event of an emergency



## Topics covered in CERT:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Animals in Disaster
- Terrorism Awareness

For more information contact,  
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[tanyahook@lehighcounty.org](mailto:tanyahook@lehighcounty.org)

CERT is a program within  
Lehigh County Citizen Corps

For more information on Citizen Corps  
programs offered, please visit  
[www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

**CERT training** promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people that they serve.

**The goal** is for qualified CERT instructors to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic emergency 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 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



## Course Guidelines and Requirements

- Must be 14 years old to participate and be participating with a group or family member
- The team member course is 22-24 hours of instruction and “hands on” training
- Teams consist of 5-7 people per neighborhood, community or other designated area
- CERT participants receive hands-on experience through simulated disasters
- All CERT graduates receive a certificate of completion and a Lehigh County CERT backpack full of emergency essentials
- The instructor course is 18-20 hours (previous experience required)

Lehigh County has several certified CERT instructors and CERT Teams throughout the county.

**Classes are held on the basis of demand.**

**To schedule a class, contact:**

**Lehigh County EMA**

## Lehigh County Community Emergency Response

Please detach and return this form if you are interested in the CERT program.

Your Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be a:

Team Member  
 Instructor

Can your organization provide enough participants for a private class? (Class size is 12—16 people) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

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