



What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Team training focuses on increasing the level of SAFETY for those individuals who will be stepping forward to assist after a disaster. CERT promotes a partnership between emergency services and the community members they serve.

In the wake of a disaster, emergency personnel and their resources may be overwhelmed by the response needs in the community. CERT training gives individuals a glimpse into the 'System' designed to save lives in the most efficient and effective way.

For more information about preparedness:

<http://www.citizen corps.gov>.

CERT Course

24 hour course over several sessions

Port Angeles Fire Station

October 5,12,19,26

November 2,9,16,30

5:30pm – 8:30pm

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Class Session Topics

Disaster Preparedness: The capabilities of government; The impact of disasters on infrastructure; personal preparedness; looming disasters faced locally; the role of CERT.

Disaster Fire Suppression and Utilities: Fire chemistry and behavior, reducing potential fire hazards, general fire and HazMat information.

Disaster Medical Operations: Treatment for life-threatening conditions; principles of triage; patient movement; head-to-toe assessments; basic first aid treatments, and establishing treatment areas.

Search & Rescue: Techniques for situation size-up & rescuer safety, recognizing rescuer limitations, victim extrication.

Disaster Psychology: Understanding the psychological impact of disasters on survivors and responders.

Team Organization and Decision Making: Volunteer management, documentation, & resource allocation. Clallam County Command Areas and CERT team activations.

Terrorism: Applying CERT principles to a suspected terrorist incident.

CERT Communications: Use of FRS and GMRS radios as CERT responders.

All students are required to participate in a final exercise before being considered 'CERT Certified'.

Classes are FREE as sponsored by the Clallam County Sheriff's Office –Emergency Management