



# DELANCO TOWNSHIP



## CERT-What is it?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that can help improve the safety of the community. CERT is a nationwide initiative.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

The CERT training consists of 20 hours of instruction. Classes are taught by emergency responders.

The course includes:

- **Disaster Preparedness**  
*Introduction to disaster specific to the community, and the impact of disaster on infrastructure.*
- **Medical OPS 1 & 2**  
*Learn basic triage – the sorting and prioritizing of the sick and injured. Learn how to give initial care, use basic 1st aid techniques, and how to prepare for the extended care of a disaster victim. Learn the elements of critical incident stress*

**Disaster Psychology**  
*The post-disaster emotional environment will be discussed*

**Terrorism**  
*A brief overview of terrorism weapons. Identifying targets in an area and discuss time/distance/shielding.*

**Fire Safety**  
*Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards and Cribbing/Search Operations  
Techniques for sizing up and searching, lifting, cribbing and removing victim; rescue safety.*

## CERT TRAINING WILL TEACH PARTICIPANTS TO:

- Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
- Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
- Take steps to prepare themselves in a disaster.
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- Select and set up a treatment area.
- Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
- Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
- Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
- Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue

## Role of CERTs in an EMERGENCY

CERTS have been used :

Search for missing lost or kidnaped children.

Staff Emergency Operations Centers and monitor events.

Emergency Operations Center security; driving, information, assisting disabled visitors and minor first aid.

Manage “spontaneous/convergent” volunteers.

Assist Red Cross and other relief organizations on mass care.

### How Can I Join?

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