



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program

A program that provides disaster information, education,  
and training that no resident should be without!

**For more information call 727-847-8137**

**What is CERT?** CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. A CERT is a group of people that are organized to work as a group to respond to disasters that impact their homes, businesses, and neighborhoods. The CERT program focuses on providing specialized training to organized “teams” to provide vital services within their neighborhoods or businesses, in the absence of emergency responders, whose arrival may be delayed due to the scope of the event.

The CERT program provides lectures, films, and hands-on training for participants over a eight (8) week period. Classes are held once a week in the evenings. The program is offered free of charge, and is open to all Pasco County residents age 13 up.

### **PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

**Introduction to Disasters** - Everything you ever wanted to know about hurricanes and other Tampa Bay disasters. What to expect from government services after a disaster.

**Introduction to Terrorism** - Basic introduction to terrorism, and the role of CERT. How to identify targets within your community.

**Fire Suppression Techniques** - How fire starts and how to stop it. Use of fire extinguishers and other devices. Identification of hazardous materials.

**Disaster Medical Care I** - Common sense training on how to provide immediate care for the sick and injured.

**Disaster Medical Care II** - Handling multiple victims, moving the injured and more medical techniques.

**Search and Rescue Techniques** - How to locate missing persons after a disaster. Techniques for extricating trapped persons. Understanding structural damage to homes and buildings.

**Pre-Impact CERT Actions** - Getting your home and neighborhood ready for a hurricane or other disaster. Getting your team set up and organized.

**Post-Impact CERT Actions** - Swinging into action after a disaster. Training in providing assistance to yourself and neighbors when no outside help is immediately available.

The CERT program is designed to be practical, interesting and fun. While the program is interactive, there are no special physical requirements to participate in the program.

CERT is sponsored by the Pasco County Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Services Department. All classes are taught by emergency management, fire and police instructors. The CERT program is an official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program. Certificates of Completion are issued to participants at the end of the program.

## **REGISTRATION**

If you are interested in attending a CERT Training Academy, call the Pasco County Office of Emergency Management at **727-847-8137** or complete the short form below and return to this Office for additional information.

Priority will be given to teams who apply to train together. However individuals will be scheduled, as space is available, in the hopes that they will be able to recruit team members after they have received their initial training. Space is limited so call now!

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Complete and Mail to:  
Pasco County Office of Emergency Management  
7530 Little Road  
New Port Richey, FL 34669

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name - Middle Initial - Last Name

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

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sub-Division (neighborhood): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in receiving additional information by mail.

\_\_\_\_ Please pre-register me as an individual for the next available training academy.

\_\_\_\_ Please pre-register our team of \_\_\_ persons for the next available training