

History of CERT

In 1985 the concept of CERT was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster.

In 1994 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) expanded the program nationwide.

CERT brings community members and emergency services personnel together for coordinated response following community dangers or disasters. The goal of the program is to provide citizens with basic skills that they can use; it's about people helping people.

<http://www.fema.gov>



FEMA

CERT is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, within the Department of Homeland Security, but is implemented locally.

CERT is a critical program in the effort to engage communities to be safer, more prepared and resilient when incidents occur.



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**"committed to the improvement of
the quality of life in our community"**

Serving our Citizens since 1881



What is a Community Emergency Response Team?

CERT is a community-based preparedness team that is trained to assist local agencies in the event of an emergency.

CERT Members receive hands on training in basic emergency and disaster response skills from the White Bear Lake Police and Fire Department.

CERT Members may be called upon to assist after a tornado or a catastrophic disaster when local emergency service personnel will not be able to help everyone immediately.

CERT Members make a difference by using their CERT training to save lives and protect property.





“Doing the most good for the greatest number of people”



Classroom instruction



First aid training



Classroom training exercise

Will you be ready? Will you know what to do? What if you were the first to arrive at the scene of an accident? What if a tornado or other disaster crippled WBL? Would you know how to help find a lost child or vulnerable adult?

Classroom instruction with hands on training in the following areas:

- First aid and triage
- Search and rescue
- Fire suppression
- Traffic support

Benefits:

- Participate in local, county and/or state drills and training exercises
- Be a crucial resource following a catastrophic event
- Support your neighborhood and community
- Reduce injuries, loss of lives and property damage
- Assist at local events (Marketfest or parades)



Search and rescue training exercise



Traffic management training



Serving community at Marketfest