



What is CERT? Community Emergency Response Team

CERT training focuses on increasing the level of safety for those individuals who will step forward to assist their neighborhood and community 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 manner possible and provides some life-saving tools to assist yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community.

The training, taught by FEMA certified CERT trainers and subject specialists, is available for all citizens who are interested in disaster and emergency preparedness. Physical agility for lifting, carrying and standing or walking for long periods is necessary.

CERT CLASSROOM AND PRACTICAL COURSE

This 24 hour long course includes both classroom and hands-on practical application of the FEMA training materials and is held both indoors and out regardless of weather conditions.

**THREE Saturdays Feb 27, March 5 and 12
8am-5pm**

**CFD#1 Training Center, 16170 SE 130th
Clackamas, Oregon
OR**

**SEVEN Wednesdays 6-9:30pm
Milwaukie American Legion Post 180
2146 SE Monroe, Milwaukie OR**

**Pre-registration required at
www.clackamasfire.org/CERT.html**

For more information contact CFD#1 Emergency Manager Gregg Ramirez, Gregg.ramirez@clackamasfire.com
503-754-2902.

Bring your own water bottle and lunch, dress in long sleeves and long pants and in layers as classes will be held both indoors and outdoors, bring leather work gloves, a hard-hat and goggles if you have them, and wear hard-toed shoes.

Class Session Topics

The basic CERT course covers

- **Disaster Preparedness**
- **Disaster Triage and First Aid**
- **Fire Prevention and Suppression;
Hazardous Materials**
- **Light Search and Rescue**
- **CERT Organization and Operations**
- **Terrorism**
- **Disaster Psychology**

The 24 hour class consists of classroom instruction, videos, and practical application of course materials including putting out a small fire, search and rescue operations, medical operations and safe victim extraction exercises.

Students may wish to become a part of their local area CERT team and will then receive additional skills training while being part of a plan to assist your community when needed.

**It's not *IF* a disaster will occur but *WHEN!*
Plan, train and be prepared!**