



# CITY OF NOVI Community Emergency Response Team



## WHAT DOES CERT DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

Under the direction of local emergency responders, CERT volunteers help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Trained CERT volunteers also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive.

## HOW DOES CERT HELP THE COMMUNITY?

In addition to supporting emergency responders during a disaster, the CERT program builds strong working relationships between emergency responders and the people they serve. CERT volunteers also help the community year-round by helping with community emergency plans, neighborhood exercises, preparedness outreach, fire safety education, and workplace safety.

For more information or to sign-up to join YOUR Novi Community Emergency Response Team contact Marshall Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator.

P: 248-347-0556  
E: [mjohnson@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mjohnson@cityofnovi.org)



CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of an emergency. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By becoming a trained CERT member you will acquire the skills necessary to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

As a member of CERT, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT volunteers are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities.

## THE BENEFITS OF CERT TRAINING

CERT training takes about 20 hours to complete and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response.

### PARTICIPANTS LEARN HOW TO:

- Identify and anticipate hazards
- Reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace
- Extinguish small fires
- Assist emergency responders
- Conduct light search and rescue
- Set up medical treatment areas
- Apply basic medical techniques
- Help reduce survivor stress

### WHO SHOULD TAKE CERT TRAINING?

- People interested in taking an active role in hometown preparedness
- Neighborhood Watch groups
- Community leaders
- Parents
- Places of Worship
- Scouting and youth organizations
- Students, teachers, and administrators
- Members of clubs and civic organizations

*"I learned about CERT and the importance of being prepared for emergencies while living in earthquake prone San Francisco. Being a Novi CERT member gives me the training and confidence I can care for myself and work with others in the event of a disaster."*

*–Carl Tianen, City of Novi CERT*

