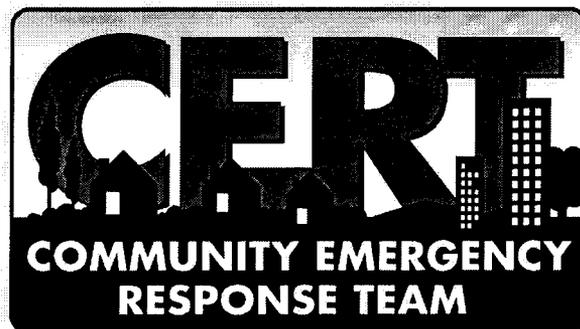


The Minneapolis Fire and Emergency Preparedness Office, under the Citizens Corps banner, will be offering training for the formation of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

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The target audiences for this course are private citizens and neighborhood and community groups that want the skills and knowledge required to prepare for and respond to a disaster.

What Does CERT Do?

The purpose of CERT training is to provide citizens with the basic skills required to handle virtually all of their own needs and then to be able to respond to their neighborhood's needs in the aftermath of a disaster.

What Does the Course Involve?

The Community Emergency Response Team course consists of 21 hours of training. The next class is scheduled for November 10-12, 2006. Friday evening classes are scheduled from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM with Saturday and Sunday classes from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Classes are taught by emergency responders from the Minneapolis Fire Department.

The CERT course training will cover the following topics:

- **Emergency Preparedness:** describe types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities, the function of CERT and the role it plays in immediate response, and steps to take to prepare for disaster.
- **Fire Safety:** identify and reduce fire hazards at home and at work, team work to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- **First Aid:** learn and apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding and shock, conducting triage, performing head-to-toe assessments, set up treatments areas, and basic treatments for various wounds.
- **Search and Rescue:** learn planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations, learn common techniques for searching a structure, safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication, and ways to protect rescuers doing search and rescue.
- **Terrorism:** learn the definition of terrorism, terrorist goals, weapons that pose the greatest threat and cues that help identify when a terrorist attack has occurred or may be imminent.



Neighborhood and community groups interested in receiving more information regarding this training should contact CERT Coordinator, Susan Ude (612) 581-9624 susan.ude@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or Deputy Chief Rollwagen (612) 673-2648 kristi.rollwagen@ci.minneapolis.mn.us