Yamhill County C.E.R.T.

Our CERT program has developed its own 501(c)(3) status whose funds are to be used exclusively for training. Our group participates in numerous civic activities such as preparedness fairs, safety meetings, community gatherings, county fair, city fairs, etc. The group has instituted a community outreach program focused on Map Your Neighborhood. We meet monthly for additional training and have a Spring barbecue and a Fall Awards Banquet to recognize achievements.

Interested?

Contact Wendy Hackman, Yamhill County CERT Chair, at 971-241-0290 or email yccert@gmail.com.

For preparedness information, contact:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):
www.ready.gov

Oregon Emergency Management:
503-378-2911
www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM

Citizen Corps:
www.citizencorps.org

American Red Cross:
503-284-1234
http://oregonredcross.org

Yamhill County / Office of Emergency Management:
www.co.yamhill.or.us/emerg_mgmt/index.org

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What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

How does CERT benefit the community?

People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their response efforts. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the homes of the elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts, fairs and more.

Why take the CERT training?

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that may overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, or State and Federal resources may be activated to help, there will likely be a delay in getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

Do you have what it takes to be a CERT volunteer?