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PUBLIC SAFETY PREPAREDNESS



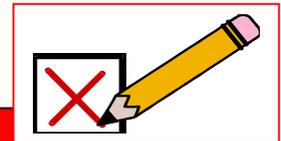
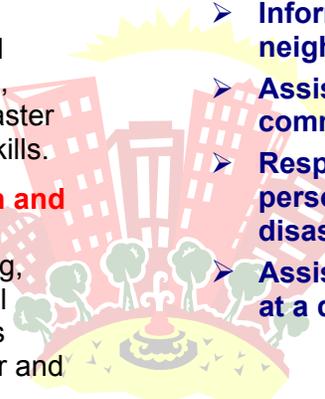
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*START OR JOIN A
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The New York City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program trains neighborhood and community-based volunteer teams to:

- **NYC CERT** teams are groups of neighborhood and community-based volunteers that undergo an intensive, eleven week training program in disaster preparedness and basic response skills.
- **Topics include Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, and Disaster Medical Operations.** After completing training, these teams act to support their local communities by assisting the various emergency agencies that prepare for and respond to disasters.
- As a rule, emergency services personnel are the best equipped to respond to emergencies. However, following a catastrophic disaster, CERT teams can **handle initial emergency** recovery while they wait for professional First Responders.
- During non-emergency situations, CERT teams **educate their communities on emergency preparedness.**
- Inform, educate, and train their neighbors about disaster preparedness
- Assist public safety agencies and local community boards with public events
- Respond and support emergency personnel during locally occurring disasters
- Assist agencies in managing volunteers at a disaster site.



**RECENT EXAMPLES OF
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS**

- ☒ A NYC CERT supported the response efforts to the wall collapse in **Washington Heights**.
- ☒ NYC CERTs supported recovery efforts during the 2003 citywide **Black Out**.
- ☒ More than 10 NYC CERTs from five boroughs supported NYPD with crowd and traffic control in the March **BikeNY Five Borough Tour**.
- ☒ CERTs were called to action to assist in the response efforts during **Hurricane Katrina**.

A MEMBER OF THE NYC CERT PROGRAM TEAM IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING TO PRESENT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO START A CERT PROGRAM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

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