



Community Emergency Response Teams

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are groups of neighborhood and community-based volunteers that undergo an intensive, 11-week training program in disaster preparedness and basic response skills.

After completing training, these teams support their local communities by assisting the various emergency agencies that prepare for and respond to disasters. During non-emergency situations, CERT teams educate their communities on emergency preparedness.

The New York City CERT program is a collaborative effort between OEM, the Fire Department, Police Department, and the American Red Cross in Greater New York. With more than 40 active CERTs throughout the five boroughs, OEM aims to have one CERT in each of the city's 59 Community Boards.

For more information about CERT, visit OEM's website at www.NYC.gov/cert.