



**New York City is prone to a number of hazards -
Learn what you can do when disaster strikes.**

**Help start or join a Local COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)**

CERTs are groups of community-based volunteers that undergo an intensive, 30-hour training program aimed at teaching disaster preparedness and basic response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. In addition, CERT members are trained in community organizing skills such as effective outreach, public information campaigns, and building a strong, long-lasting community volunteer group.

The end result is a committed team of disaster-trained individuals who can:

- à Inform, educate, and train their neighbors on disaster preparedness.
- à Assist public safety agencies and local community boards with public events.
- à Respond to locally occurring disasters and support emergency personnel upon their arrival & request.
- à Assist various other disaster agencies in tasks related to response and recovery.

To learn more, please call

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