

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

*There are two ways to complete the CERT basic training program.*

- ✓ **Classroom Experience** – Utilizes a classroom format with a group of 10-30 students completing 20 hours of instruction together, including hands-on practice and a final exercise.
- ✓ **Hybrid Experience** – Utilizes an online, multimedia format for the lecture portion of the training, while still requiring some in-person training. Students will read training materials, watch videos, and answer questions using an online learning platform. Students will also attend a few hands-on classes and participate in the final exercise.

## ADVANCED CERT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

*After completing basic training, graduates can apply to the Advanced CERT Volunteer Program.*

Volunteers can assist Emergency Management and other response organizations by offering logistical support during incidents and exercises.

Additional training will be offered, such as CPR/AED certifications. Volunteers will also receive additional supplies for their CERT backpacks and a T-shirt.

## THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM



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Everyone who completes the basic training program will receive a **free backpack** with personal protective equipment and safety supplies. (Contents may vary)

## WHO SHOULD TAKE CERT TRAINING?

Everyone can benefit from CERT training. We welcome anyone 14 or older who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Greenville County. You can attend as an individual or as part of a group.

*Groups who train together include:*

- Neighborhood Watch groups
- Families
- Coworkers
- Communities of faith
- Scouting and youth programs
- Students, teachers, and administrators
- Members of clubs and civic groups

## WHAT IS CERT?

*The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program prepares Greenville County residents to help themselves, their families, coworkers, and neighbors immediately following a disaster or other life-threatening emergency.*

In large-scale incidents, emergency services personnel will not be able to reach everyone right away. CERT training equips residents with practical skills and positive ways to take action and make a difference in situations where they are initially on their own until professional help can arrive.

In **95%** of all emergencies, the victim or a bystander is the first to provide assistance.

*Do you know what to do?*

**Learn how to:**

- Identify and anticipate hazards
- Shut off utilities
- Put out small fires
- Open airways and control bleeding
- Set up treatment areas
- Search for and rescue victims
- Organize volunteers effectively
- Help reduce survivor stress

**Training and equipment are funded by federal grants. There is no cost to participants!**

