



Basic CERT training consists of approximately 20 hours of classroom instruction, hands-on practice, and simulated drills.

Contact the Cordova CERT coordinator to learn about free training in your community.

Training includes the following topics:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire safety and suppression
- Disaster medical operations
Assessing and treating life-threatening injuries
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster psychology
- Team organization
- Terrorism and CERT

For more information on the Cordova CERT program, or to become a member please contact:

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared.

City of Cordova
Citizen Corps Council

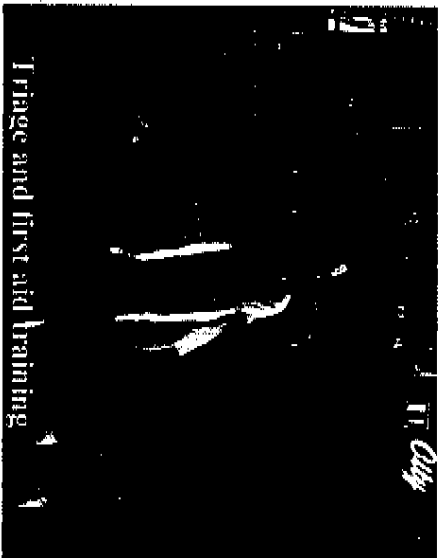


About CERT:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) began promoting the Community Emergency Response Team concept in 1994. Since then teams have been established in hundreds of communities nationwide. Alaska currently has 5 CERT programs.

The Cordova Citizen Corps Council was founded in March 2005, and has been working hard to bring the CERT program to our community.

CERT training promotes partnerships between emergency services and the people they serve. Fire Department personnel provide free training in basic response skills to community residents. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability in Cordova. When the ground stops shaking or the tsunami siren blows, CERT members will swing into action to help the community when we need it most.



Skills you'll learn in CERT training:

- Identify the types of hazards most likely to affect your home and community.
- Identify the function of CERT and its role in immediate response.
- Be prepared to act in the event of disaster.
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in your home and workplace.
- Work as part of a team to extinguish different types of fires safely.
- Identify strategies for light search and rescue operations.
- Employ the proper techniques for searching a structure for survivors.
- Use safe techniques such as cribbing for debris removal and victim extrication.
- Conduct basic triage.
- Select and set up a treatment area.
- Perform head-to-toe assessments.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
- Employ basic first aid for various wounds.

If a disastrous event should overwhelm or delay firefighters or emergency medical personnel, CERT members can assist by applying the basic response and organizational skills they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster.

CERT members maintain and refine skills by participating in exercises and activities. They attend supplemental training opportunities to further their skills. CERT members volunteer for projects that improve community emergency preparedness. CERT skills also apply to small-scale emergencies that occur daily.



Training is provided free of charge by the CVFD through the Citizen Corps Program. Members will receive a free CERT kit, including hard hat, vest, goggles and gloves.

Join a CERT in your:

- Neighborhood
- Workplace
- Church
- School
- Club/Organization