



## City of Lockport, register today for CERT training!

**CERT Training is a FREE Community Preparedness course** that both includes academic and hands-on instruction. The course will be held at the **Dale Association Senior Center** at 33 Ontario Street in the **City of Lockport**. The eight (8) class course will be held on Thursday evenings (6:30-9:30 PM) beginning **Thursday, October 2, 2008** and ending November 20. CERT training will conclude with a course review and simulated disaster training exercise on **Saturday, November 22** (9AM-1PM). **Participants are expected to attend all sessions.**

CERT Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Emergency personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately and you can make a difference by using CERT Training to save lives and protect property. CERT training topics include:

- 10/2: Disaster Preparedness:** Disasters & Disaster Workers, Community Preparedness
- 10/9: Fire Safety:** Fire Chemistry, Fire Hazards, Fire Safety, & Fire Suppression
- 10/16: Light Search and Rescue:** Search & Rescue Size-up and Operations
- 10/23: Emergency Medical Operations I:** Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- 10/30: Emergency Medical Operations II** Public Health Considerations & Patient Treatment
- 11/6: CERT Organization and Incident Command (ICS 100)**
- 11/13: Disaster Psychology:** Impact of Disaster on Rescuers & Victims and Its Mitigation
- 11/20: Terrorism & CERT:** Terrorism & its Goals; CERT Protocols for Terrorism Incidents
- 11/22: Disaster Simulation Training Exercise:** Course Review & Hands-on Exercise

Through personal education, training and volunteer service, every individual can help make their community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the hazards of weather, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. **Preregistration is required. Register NOW!** Participants must be at least 16 years of age, attend all eight class sessions, and register as a Border Community SERVICE Volunteer. **CERT training is fun and FREE!**

**For more information or to enroll please contact:  
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**Join The Team!**

**You can also *register online* and/or  
view a CERT Community Briefing at:  
[www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice](http://www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice)**

# **CITY OF LOCKPORT CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

## **What is CERT?**

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a FEMA-approved program that educates community members about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in lifesaving skills. CERT training includes both academic and hands-on instruction in a series of eight (8) units, each three (3) hours long, usually taught once per week, often on weekday evenings. CERT training concludes with a course review followed by a simulated disaster exercise, often on a Saturday.

## **CERT Training**

CERT training teaches basic information including the following topics:

Disaster Preparedness	Fire Safety	Light Search and Rescue
Disaster Medical Operations I: Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries		
Disaster Medical Operations 2: Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene		
Disaster Psychology	CERT Team Organization & Incident Command System (ICS 100)	
Terrorism and CERT	Course Review	Simulated Disaster Training Exercise

## **Non-Disaster CERT Roles**

CERT members can help in various ways in non-disaster settings. They may:

- Distribute emergency preparedness materials
- Provide support services at special community events
- Assist community members to install smoke alarms and other safety equipment

## **CERT in a Disaster Situation**

CERT members assist first responders when requested. Under extreme conditions, CERT members may initially assume some functions of first responders until trained emergency response personnel arrive and relieve them. These functions may include:

Fire Safety	Extinguishing Small Fires	Debris Removal
Light Search and Rescue	Utilities Control	Special Needs Concerns
Disaster Medical Operations	Donations management	CPR Skills
Helping to Relieve Survivor Stress	Treating Injuries	Advanced First Aid
Automated External Defibrillator Use	Community Relations	Shelter management