

Things to know

- Subject to funding availability, the course is free of charge. Meals however will be on your own.
- There must be a minimum of 10 participants in order to conduct a course.
- Course materials will be provided for individual participants.
- Participants should wear work clothes or clothes suitable for heavy yard work. Leave your business suits and heels back home.
- Those who have special needs should check with the LRGVDC to determine if their needs can be accommodated.
- To verify the above or for any other questions contact the Council of Government's Citizen Corps staff.



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Community Emergency
Response Team

Training



CERT G317

*Educating citizens and
communities...*



CERT G317 for communities

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Citizen Corps Program is pleased to announce that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training for the public is available at the request of a community or group of individuals. This is a 20 hour course developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in cooperation with Public Safety.

It is designed to provide individuals with basic emergency response skills, particularly those that would be essential in the initial 72 hours after a major disaster. The course is open to all residents of the three county area which are Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties who are at least 16 years of age. Those individuals between the ages of 16 to 18 are required to be accompanied by a parent. Printed materials will be provided on-site, however, participants may be required to bring some personal equipment or supplies.



Course Description

This training is designed to provide participants with the basic knowledge and skills that volunteers need to effectively serve their community; efforts to prepare for local emergencies and respond to them are the focus. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) are organized, trained, and equipped in emergency preparedness and how to perform many of the emergency functions needed in the aftermath of a disaster. CERTs coordinate their efforts with and are intended to supplement the efforts of a community's professional emergency response staff.



This course contains eight topics with a course end review:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations (2 Units)
- Light Search & Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Course review and a disaster simulation.

Each module requires 2 to 2½ hours for completion bringing the total to 20 hours. This course can be set up to accommodate the needs of teams members and volunteer instructors.

The maximum number of students will be determined by the organization offering the training.

Prerequisites

No previous experience in emergency service is required, but participants should have an interest in such service and a willingness to serve once trained. As CERT responsibilities may require individuals with training and skills in the previously listed topics may be particularly useful as CERT members.

Remember CERT members maybe the first that are called to help. Whether it be in the form of assisting your neighbors with disaster preparations, distributing information, or actual assistance to first responders.

Being trained and prepared is the best assistance we will ever provide.



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CERT G317 REGISTRATION

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