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CERT Participant Manual

Full training reference for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. Use this alongside your in-person CERT Basic Training course.

About CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team program trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, including light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members support Lincoln County's official responders during storms and other emergencies, and serve as a force multiplier when professional responders are stretched thin.

Core Training Units

Unit 1 — Disaster Preparedness

Hazards likely to affect Lincoln County, CERT organization, and your role as a team member.

Unit 2 — CERT Organization

Incident Command System basics, team organization, and how CERT integrates with professional responders.

Unit 3 — Disaster Medical Operations I

Treating life-threatening conditions: airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock.

Unit 4 — Disaster Medical Operations II

Public health considerations, triage, and setting up a treatment area.

Unit 5 — Light Search and Rescue

Search and rescue size-up, safety, and techniques for locating and extracting victims.

Unit 6 — CERT Organization Practice

Applying incident command structure through a simulated scenario.

Unit 7 — Disaster Psychology

Recognizing and managing stress reactions in yourself and disaster survivors.

Unit 8 — Terrorism and CERT

Understanding terrorism awareness and CERT's role in a terrorism incident.

Unit 9 — Course Review and Disaster Simulation

A hands-on exercise applying all previous units.

After Training

Once you've completed CERT Basic Training, you'll be added to the Lincoln County CERT roster and notified of monthly team meetings and deployment opportunities. Specialty training (medical, communications, animal response) is available on an ongoing basis — contact the CERT Team Coordinator for details.