

[Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#)



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training taught in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The Town of Newtown CERT team is always looking for new members to help bolster the cadre of dedicated volunteers who can respond to emergencies and help their neighbors during times of disasters. All training is free of charge. For additional information on the CERT team or if you are interested in joining, please contact Maureen Will, Deputy Emergency Management Director and Communications Director at 203-270-4296 or at Maureen.will@newtown-ct.gov.



