You will learn...

- personal and family preparedness
- basic disaster preparedness
- how to use a fire extinguisher
- about household hazardous materials safety
- about utilities safety
- about medical first aid
- how you can assist
 Public Safety Agencies in emergencies
- skills that will help you participate in a Disaster Simulation



For More Information:



Members of CERT teams can help:

- Inform and educate their neighbors about disaster preparedness
- Respond to local disasters in your neighborhood in accordance with CERT protocols and support emergency personnel upon their arrival and request
- Assist public safety agencies and local community boards with public events
- Participate in community outreach opportunities

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"...we know that out of tragedy, strength and hope and even good can come. One of the best ways to counter evil is through the gathering momentum of millions of acts of service and decency and kindness ... Since September 11. Americans have responded magnificently, with courage and compassion, unity and purpose, resolve and fierce determination. We have seen the true character of the American people reveal itself in unity and generosity, patriotism and civic pride. The deep bonds of affection that we have seen in people helping people in need have blessed our land. Our great challenge now is to encourage this outpouring of service and civic pride -- and to harness it to a great national purpose."

President George W. Bush, January 2002



CERT Basic Training G-317





Why take CERT training?

CERT is a group of neighbors who have come together for some specialized training that will make them more effective in responding to emergencies.





In a major disaster do you...

- Have enough supplies for a minimum of 72 hours up to a few weeks for all family members, including pets?
- Know how to turn off the gas?
- Know how to safely turn off power?
- Know how to apply first aid?
- Know how to use a fire extinguisher?
- Have provisions for living outside your home for a length of time if your home's structure is compromised?

Remember...

In a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for services in every neighborhood that may be affected. Factors such as number of victims. communication failures. and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services that they have come to expect at a moment's notice through 911.

People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs. Under these kinds of conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will want to try and help each other. CERT training can you know what to do to help.

Train...

Well, it's like paying for car insurance. You might never need it, in fact you hope you won't. But if you the occasion arises, having the CERT training means you're ready as you can be to help yourself, your family and your neighborhood in an emergency situation.

Train: Class members receive 17 1/2 hours of initial training. (see back side for topics covered) This training is provided free of charge within Pennington County to anyone 18 and over.

Adult Classes are taught one night a week, from 6-9pm over a period of 5 weeks with a disaster simulation on Saturday.





