

**Jefferson County Community Emergency Response Teams**  
**Call the Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security at 728-3329**  
**For Further Information on the CERT Program or email to**  
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CERT Training Class has been scheduled again in Jefferson County.

Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT, is a concept developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a major disaster. CERT has been developed into a nationwide effort as a part of the President's Citizen Corps Program. CERT provides basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills. This improves the ability of citizens to survive until emergency personnel can arrive.

The training is designed for citizens with little or no training in the areas listed below, but those with some skills in these areas are also welcome to attend the training and participate in a CERT team. Homeowners or neighborhood groups, PTA's, service and social clubs, churches, businesses, or a group of individuals from a neighborhood are ideal groups to form CERT teams.

Basic skills are taught in the areas of: Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations I and II; Terrorism Preparedness and Crime Prevention; Disaster Psychology, Special Populations and Animals in Disaster; Light Search and Rescue and CERT Volunteerism. All students participate in a final exercise at the end of the course.

**Class Schedule\***

**Wednesday, April 11** : Disaster Preparedness

**Wednesday, April 18**: Fire Safety

**Wednesday, April 25**: Disaster Medical Ops I

**Wednesday, May 2** : Disaster Medical Ops II

**Wednesday, May 9**: Crime Prevention & Terrorism Awareness

**Wednesday, May 16**: Disaster Mental Health, Animals in Disaster, and People with Special Needs

**Wednesday, May 23**: Light Search & Rescue

**Wednesday, May 30**: CERT Volunteerism, Test, Final Exercise & Graduation

All Classes are from 6 – 9 p.m.

**Location:** All classes will be held at the Jefferson County Public Services Facility at Bardane. (Dates and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather, scheduling conflicts with either the instructors or the venue. All attempts will be made to stick with this schedule and enrolled students will be notified as soon as a decision has been made on rescheduling or changes that are necessary).

All classes are taught by professionals in the corresponding field of expertise.

All Classes are provided at no charge to the participants. All participants who complete all sessions and the final exercise will receive a certificate of participation and be issued a hard hat, and a CERT Vest. Any participant that does not attend all courses or that is late or leaves early will have to make up that section of the course when the next round of courses are offered.

Pre-registration is necessary and can be done by calling 728-3329 to request a student enrollment form or email to [bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org](mailto:bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org)