What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are **local volunteers** trained in basic disaster response who aid the efforts of first responders (firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical services) during an **emergency.**

But CERT is not limited to emergency response. CERT can help its **community** in all kinds of ways: distributing smoke alarms, cleaning firefigher equipment, staffing first aid booths, providing security at parades and fairs, participating in food drives and fundraisers; the list could go on. CERT is about working together for the **benefit and safety** of the community.

Citizens trained to help citizens.