

# CERT

## CITY OF MARTINEZ

Community Emergency Response Team

***Are You Ready to Help Your Family & Neighborhood in a Disaster? Don't be Scared... Be Prepared!***

# FREE CLASSES – Spring 2019

## CERT Basic Training – 20 Hour Course

**CERT Basic Training - Saturday Series – March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27\***  
8 AM – 1:00 PM at Martinez City Council Chambers, 525 Henrietta Street.

**CERT Basic Training - Tuesday Series – March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 27\***  
6 PM – 9:30 PM at IBEW Hall 1875 Arnold Dr. (Saturday, April 27\* from 8 am -12 pm is an optional hands on practical review of skills learned during class).

**CERT Basic Training – Disaster Skills Exercise - Saturday May 4, 7 AM – 2 PM**  
(This exercise is only required if you want to become a disaster service worker)

You are an important part of the **disaster preparedness, emergency response** solution for our City. CERT will train you to be better prepared for emergencies and how to respond when your family, neighbors, and community need you most.



**Be Informed... Make a Plan... Build a Kit... Get involved...**

For more information or to register for classes  
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**Disasters can strike at any time** and being prepared for these and other unexpected events is critical to saving lives. Each one of us has a responsibility to understand the risk natural and man-made disasters pose to our communities, and to recognize we each have a role in preparing for these events.

**We have a duty to build a Culture of Preparedness** in which our neighbors, families and friends are ready for any disaster event, and to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared.



**CERT Basic Training** - A free instructor-led course consisting of 20 hours of instruction on topics such as Personal and Family Preparedness, Earthquake Preparation, Team Organization, Medical Operations and Triage, Damage Assessment, Fire Suppression, Utility Control, and Light Search & Rescue. You may choose either the Saturday morning track of four classes, or the Tuesday night track consisting of six classes. Both classes conclude with a skills exercise held on a Saturday morning.

**Continuing Education** - CERT members that have completed the Basic Training are given the opportunity to expand their knowledge, hone their skills, and learn how to participate in a broader range of volunteer activities through the Continuing Education program.

**The Martinez Area CERT offers these Continuing Education classes to CERT members:**

**Traffic and Crowd Control** – Learn how to safely direct traffic and monitor crowds for public events.

**CERT Basic Radio Communications** - Learn the basics of radio communications and how it can help in CERT response.

**Radio Communications – Fundamentals of Net Control** – An intermediate-level class for radio operators who want to learn how to properly run a radio net during a drill, emergency response, or a routine practice net.

**American Red Cross – Shelter Operations** - Learn American Red Cross methods and protocols used in shelter operations. Practice the knowledge and skills needed to run a shelter operation.

**Online / Self-Paced Continuing Education**

**IS-317 Introduction to CERT** - This online overview of CERT Basic Training can be a great refresher for existing CERT members.

**CERT Search and Rescue Tutorial** - This online tutorial allows CERT-trained individuals to review and refresh their skills in size up and search and rescue techniques.

**CERT Animal Response** - The modules teach emergency preparedness for situations involving animals that you may encounter in performing your broader CERT response functions.

**National Incident Management System** - IS-100, 200, 700, 800 - Supplement your CERT basic training with online classes from FEMA. These classes will give you a greater understanding of how to use CERT organizational principles and how you fit into the emergency response system.

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