



Erie County  
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Erie Community College  
Workforce Development

## What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train local citizens to be prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. Reality is, that citizens could very likely be on their own during the early hours of a catastrophic disaster. Training in basic disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance could arrive. When emergencies occur, **CERT** members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. **CERT** members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The New York State Emergency Management Office has entered into an agreement with Erie County Department of Central Police Services in conjunction with the Erie County Department of Emergency Services and Erie Community College Department of Workforce Development to coordinate and train Community Emergency Response Team volunteers to respond to any type of emergency situation. These Departments will maintain and manage a database of all volunteer members of this **CERT** program in case of an emergency.

Each CERT member will receive training in the following areas:

- **Emergency Preparedness**
- **Fire Safety**
- **Emergency Medical Operations**
- **Light Search and Rescue Operations**
- **CERT Organization**
- **Disaster Psychology**
- **Terrorism and CERT**
- **Course Review and Disaster**

All classes will be held at  
**GRAND ISLAND FIRE HALL**  
**2275 BASELINE ROAD**  
**GRAND ISLAND, NEW 14072**

Each Participant will receive a CERT Kit which includes a CERT Vest, Hard Hat, Comfort Mask, Industrial Flashlight, Chemical Goggles, Latex Exam Gloves, Leather-Palm Work Gloves and CERT Barrel Bag. A CERT Certificate will be awarded at the completion of course.



## REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:

Street Address:

City:

State

Zip

Nearest cross street to your home address:

Telephone (Day)

(Evening)

Email at which you want to receive CERT information:

## BASIC CERT COURSE

**THURSDAY Evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM**

May 6, 2004  
May 13, 2004  
May 20, 2004  
May 27, 2004  
June 3, 2004  
June 10, 2004  
June 17, 2004

***The final one day disaster exercise will be determined by the end of the CERT training.***

- ☐ I am unable to attend this Spring training session, but please contact me about future CERT training.

**Please mail the completed registration form to:**

Erie Community College  
Department of Workforce Development  
4041 Southwestern Blvd.  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Or call  
**(716) 851-1800**