CERT Training Will Teach Participants To:

- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
- Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
- Apply techniques for opening airways, control bleeding and treating shock.
- Select and set up a treatment area, identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
- Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
- Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
CERT—Who are We?

CERT are friends, neighbors, co-workers and trained professionals who volunteer their valuable time and resources to make a difference in their workplace and communities. These team members have participated in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program and have been taught to be prepared to respond to emergency situations in the workplace and their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members also can assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the workplace and their community. CERT is a nationwide initiative.

The Coconino County/Northern Arizona Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as team organization, light search and rescue, fire safety and disaster first aid operations.

Who can take CERT training?

Naturals for the training are neighborhood groups, businesses, community organizations, church groups, school staff/students and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose. CERT skills are useful in times of disaster and during every day life events. The classes are free of charge. A commitment of 20 hours is required to complete the training. Upon successful completion of the basic training, CERT members are issued a backpack, helmet, vest and basic emergency response tools.

CERT Members Volunteering at the County Fair

In Coconino County

Participants who complete the basic training and wish to serve their community may join the Coconino County CERT Program. Active CERT volunteers assist with staffing road blocks, conducting evacuation notification, staffing emergency call centers, conducting information check points during times of emergencies and assisting with a wide variety of other non-emergency tasks. CERT Teams exist throughout the county including the greater Flagstaff area, and many of our rural, unincorporated areas such as Forest Lakes, Blue Ridge, Sherwood Forest, Munds Park, Tusayan and Page. We also have CERT teams established throughout Native American communities including Supai Canyon, Monenkopi, Tuba City and Tonalea/Red Lake.

For more information about the CERT program or to attend a basic training session and join a team, please call the Coconino County Sheriff’s Office Community Programs Planner at (928) 226-5089.