



## **What is CERT?**

CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property.

As a member of CERT, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT members are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities.

## **What can CERT do in an emergency?**

Under the direction of local emergency responders, CERT volunteers help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of a CERT volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive.

## **How does CERT help the community?**

In addition to supporting emergency responders during a disaster, the CERT program builds strong working relationships between emergency responders and the people they serve. CERT volunteers also help the community year-round by helping with community emergency plans, neighborhood exercises, preparedness outreach, fire safety education, and workplace safety.

## **It starts with you**

CERT actively involves everyone in making our communities and our nation safer, stronger, and better prepared. The more people involved in CERT, the better New Boston will be able to handle situations effectively. If you think you could be an active participant in the New Boston CERT and want to get involved, click on [APPLICATION](#) and mail it to the New Boston Fire Dept. c/o Dan MacDonald, PO Box 250 New Boston, NH 03070. You can also choose to send it to the New Boston CERT email address: [infocertnewboston@gmail.com](mailto:infocertnewboston@gmail.com)