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 firefighter 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.