



“Town of Tonawanda, we’re looking for CERT volunteers!”

CERT Training is a **FREE** Community Preparedness course that includes both academic and hands-on instruction. The course will meet at the **Town of Tonawanda Fire Training Tower Classroom**, (70 Fire Tower Drive), located off of Two Mile Creek Road in the **Town of Tonawanda**. The nine (9) class course starts on **Monday, September 13, 2010** and continues on Monday evenings (6:00-9:00 PM) followed by a Saturday course review and simulated disaster training exercise on November 13, 2010. Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

CERT Training prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. Emergency personnel may not be able to help everyone immediately and you can make a difference by using CERT Training to save lives and protect property. CERT Training topics include:

Disaster Preparedness: Disasters & Disaster Workers, Community Preparedness
Emergency Medical Operations I: Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
Emergency Medical Operations II Public Health Considerations & Patient Treatment
Fire Safety: Fire Chemistry, Fire Hazards, Fire Safety, & Fire Suppression
Light Search and Rescue: Search & Rescue Size-up and Operations
CERT Organization and Incident Command (ICS 100)
Disaster Psychology: Impact of Disaster on Rescuers & Victims and Its Mitigation
Terrorism & CERT: Terrorism & its Goals; CERT Protocols for Terrorism Incidents
Disaster Simulation Training Exercise: Course Review & Hands-on Exercise

Through personal education, training and volunteer service, every individual can help make their community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the hazards of weather, terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Preregistration is required. **Register NOW!** Participants must be at least 16 years of age, attend all nine class sessions, and register as a Border Community SERVICE Volunteer.

**For more information or to enroll please contact:
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Border Community SERVICE of Niagara University
at (716) 286-8306 or e-mail: jmartin@niagara.edu**

**You can also register online and/or
view a CERT Community Briefing at:
www.niagara.edu/BCS-enrollment**

Join The Team!

Town of Tonawanda CERT: COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

What is CERT?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a FEMA-approved program that educates community members about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in lifesaving skills. CERT Training includes both academic and hands-on instruction in a series of nine (9) units, each three (3) hours long, usually taught once per week, often on weekday evenings. CERT Training concludes with a course review followed by a simulated disaster exercise, often on a Saturday.

CERT Training

CERT Training teaches basic information including the following topics:

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| Disaster Preparedness | Fire Safety | Light Search and Rescue |
| Disaster Medical Operations I: Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries | | |
| Disaster Medical Operations 2: Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene | | |
| Disaster Psychology | CERT Team Organization & Incident Command System (ICS 100) | |
| Terrorism and CERT | Course Review | Simulated Disaster Training Exercise |

Non-Disaster CERT Roles

CERT members can help in various ways in non-disaster settings. They may:

- Distribute emergency preparedness materials
- Provide support services at special community events
- Assist community members to install smoke alarms and other safety equipment

CERT in a Disaster Situation

CERT members assist first responders when requested. Under extreme conditions, CERT members may initially assume some functions of first responders until trained emergency response personnel arrive and relieve them. These functions may include:

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| Fire Safety | Extinguishing Small Fires | Debris Removal |
| Light Search and Rescue | Utilities Control | Special Needs Concerns |
| Disaster Medical Operations | Donations management | CPR Skills |
| Helping to Relieve Survivor Stress | Treating Injuries | Advanced First Aid |
| Automated External Defibrillator Use | Community Relations | Shelter management |