



## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT Basic Training is a 20+ hour national curriculum class that teaches citizens to take care of their families and neighborhoods after a disaster strikes. Topics taught include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Basic fire suppression
- Disaster medical operations
- Light search and rescue
- Disaster psychology
- Organization and communications
- Terrorism awareness

When first responders like the fire department are overwhelmed due to a significant earthquake, flood, fire, or other disaster, trained CERT members act as an extension of first responder services by providing immediate assistance to victims until professional services can take over.

Fire District 6 and the Vancouver Fire Department pool their resources to train citizens of all ages and backgrounds to assist in their neighborhood in the event of a disaster. The training is available to Clark County residents.

### What do CERT members do?

In the event of a disaster CERT members are trained to:

- Check on neighbors' safety
- Suppress small fires using a fire extinguisher
- Conduct light urban search and rescue
- Provide emergency medical aid and psychological comfort to their neighbors
- Organize and direct other neighbors who offer assistance

Additionally, CERT members have opportunities to volunteer outside their neighborhood. For example, sandbagging during a flood emergency, promoting emergency preparedness, and assisting the fire department and other public agencies with community outreach activities. CERT members also have the opportunity to continue training with free monthly refresher classes.

**FINAL DATES FOR THE SPRING 2019 CERT CLASS ARE ANNOUNCED!**

The dates for the Spring 2019 CERT class presented by Clark County Fire District 6 and Vancouver Fire Department will be:

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – 3 pm

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – 9:30 pm

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 7 pm – 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 23<sup>d</sup> – 9 am – 3 pm

Registration for the Spring class will start in mid-January, and the fee for the class will be \$35 per person. If you would like to be notified by email when registration for the class starts, please send an email request to Dave Sinclair at [cert@ccfd6.org](mailto:cert@ccfd6.org)

At the time registration process begins, class applications and other registration information will be added to this site. Due to the demand for the class, no early registrations are accepted. Upon completion of all classes, participants will be issued Washington State Emergency Worker cards and be eligible to continue with additional training and activities through the CERT, Clark Co., WA group.

**For more information please contact**

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Links for more information:

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[cresa911.org](http://cresa911.org)  
[Redcross.org](http://Redcross.org)