



CERT Training

for the Community of Walker

CERT means Community Emergency Response Team. The program is promoted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local emergency agencies such as the Yavapai County Emergency Management Department. Emergency personnel train members of neighborhoods and community organizations in emergency response to where they can be integrated into the emergency response capability for their area. The purpose of such training is for community members to learn how, in case of emergency and/or disaster, to fend for themselves, family, neighborhood and community. A goal is to be able to provide the greatest good for the greatest number without endangering self.

CERT involves close to 22 hours of training broken into approximately 9 classes of about 2 ½ hours each. There are a couple of classes that may be combined into a single session. There is **NO COST** for the course. A manual is provided to each participant divided into chapters of course study. Two classes focus on disaster medical situations – including training in CCR – cardiac compression.

Training is designed to cover the following:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Medical Operations – Triage and Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Disaster Medical Operations – Assessment, Treatment and Hygiene
- Light Search and Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Final Exercise

The more the merrier for this training. Crystal Macari of Yavapai County Emergency Management Department will be our instructor. We hope to keep the class at a minimum of 20 with more welcome. If a class is missed, arrangements can be made to make up that class.

The classes will begin on Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 P.M. – at the Highlands Center, 1375 S. Walker Rd., Prescott. There are eighteen (18) community members initially signed up and you are welcome to join us. We hope to involve as many members of our community as possible for the benefit of the entire community of Walker. Class dates scheduled: July 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25, with a disaster practice on Saturday, August 20. For further information call Betsy or Loren Bykerk at:

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Please visit these sites for further information and see the attached brochure

<http://www.walkercaa.org/Documents/cert.pdf>

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=3131>