



Town of
MANCHESTER, CT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The Manchester C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) is looking for new members.

What is CERT? Simply put, CERT is neighbors helping neighbors. During a major disaster or severe storm the Town's first responders may be committed to other emergencies or be unable to respond due to road closures. Town's people who are CERT trained need not be part of a "team", but membership is an option. As a trained CERT, you will be able to take care of your family, check on your neighbor's wellbeing and if you decide to join the Manchester CERT team, you will receive additional training in areas such as ham radio, Shelter operation, Fire/Police and more. The choice is up to you.

What is the CERT team? It's a team of over 100 individual citizens trained to help the Town in case of an emergency when the Town's assets are unavailable. The team is comprised of 5 major sub teams, Communications Team (ham radio operators), Shelter Management Team (operates the emergency shelters in Town), the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Support Team, the Search and Rescue Team (helps find lost or hurt persons on Case Mountain) and Fire/Police (assist the Police and Fire departments at accident scenes and other emergency scenes by controlling traffic and making the area safe for the responders to operate).

Is there an age limit to become a CERT member? All persons must have reached their 18th birthday before being able to be a full team member. However, youths may be part of the team, with their parent's permission. Although the youths will not be permitted to do any responses the team may respond.

How much does the basic CERT training cost? The class, the text books and the gear are all supplied to each student at NO cost to the student. That's right – the class is free!

What do I have to do to take the training? It's easy - just register for the training class. The class goes for 9 Monday nights from 6:30 PM to about 9:30 each night, beginning March 18, 2019.

If you are interested in taking the class or want more information, please contact Donald Janelle (team coordinator) at 860-647-5259 anytime during business hours. If no one answers, please leave a message and your call will be returned as quickly as possible. Alternatively, contact him via email at djanelle@manchesterct.gov.