

Community Emergency Response Team



“LVC”

Local Volunteers Maintaining high standards
of citizenship and civic responsibility



Community Emergency
Response Training

CERT History

1985 - Developed by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department to enhance disaster response



1993-National program established by FEMA

***citizen*★corps**

2002- CERT becomes part of Citizens Corps.
Designed to strengthen local resiliency

Today - over 2,700 nationwide teams are preparing themselves, their families, coworkers and neighbors to function during emergencies.

Massachusetts has over 110 teams operating under a local authority such as the community Emergency Management Director



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CERT History



Limited support is provided by The Massachusetts and Federal Emergency Management Agencies



2024 - CERT Teams of Massachusetts Association. An alliance of teams and volunteers working to support each other locally

CERT Teams are a local emergency management resource with state and national affiliations



How Littleton's CERT Developed

The Littleton Volunteer Corps (LVC) was originally founded in 2006 as a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).
MDPH later dissolved local MRC units in favor of a regionalized MRC program

The LVC formally transitioned to a federally registered CERT Team in 2015



LVC Works under the direction of the Fire
Chief/Emergency Management Director



What does CERT Do?

- CERT teams have the flexibility to do a variety of functions that can vary by local needs and priorities



What does CERT Do?

- CERT teams work to support emergency services but are not a primary response organization



What does CERT Do?

- Community Emergency Response Training
- Community Disaster Preparedness
- Community Event Support



FEMA

“The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.”



Who Are the CERT Members

Citizens of all walks of life.

- Retired emergency services members
- Medical background such as RN, NP, EMT, PT
- Executives, laborers, educators, students,
- Currently working
- Retired

Previous experience not required



Members share a passion to help out during times of need.



Training

Training focuses on emergency preparedness



- CPR, Basic first aid, Stop The Bleed, Narcan
- Command, accountability and teamwork discipline
 - FEMA ICS 100,200,700,800
- Traffic Management (without police powers)
- Disaster assessment, management & response
- Disaster psychology
- Shelter operations
- Operational logistics
- Radio communications



Joining LVC

In order to be prepared we need to maintain a roster of 25-35 members

- Simple one page application
- CORI Background check
- Attend the majority of our monthly training meetings
- Smart Phone and email access
- A means to be able to respond when activated



HELP
WANTED



Funding

- Small town budget of \$5,000
 - partially covers basic necessities
- Occasional federal grant funding used to buy response equipment
 - typically, no more than \$5,000
- In-kind donations
- Monetary donations



**LVC members are
volunteers who
receive no
compensation**





Where we have helped out

- Firefighter rehab
- Vaccination clinics
- Community Point Of Distribution operations
- Parking and traffic management at community events
- Shelter operations
- Mutual aid to/from other CERT teams



OUR MISSION

Serving the community of Littleton by providing trained volunteers to supplement local emergency services, public health, and emergency management agencies.



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QUESTIONS
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