



NYC CERT COMING TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SOON!!!

New York City's Community Emergency Response Teams are groups of community based volunteers trained in disaster preparedness and emergency response. Organized through Community Boards, NYC CERT members undergo an intensive 11-week training course so they can prepare for and respond to local disasters.

Emergency services personnel are best equipped to respond to emergencies. However, following a catastrophic disaster, NYC CERTs can assist with initial emergency response while they wait for professional first responders.

Why should I join NYC CERT?

Your community needs you. Join NYC CERT if you want an opportunity to:

- Educate yourself, your family, and others about preparing for emergencies.
- Help your neighbors in times of disaster.
- Strengthen your relationship with your community.

What kind of training will I receive?

OEM staff and partners from the New York City Fire and Police Departments, as well as the American Red Cross in Greater New York teach the training courses. Topics include fire safety, light search and rescue, terrorism awareness, disaster medical operations, and mental health education.

How do I join NYC CERT?

If you are 18 or older and you are interested in joining or establishing a NYC CERT in your community:

- Call the CERT hotline (718-422-8935) or e-mail a CERT administrator at cert@oem.nyc.gov with your inquiry.

Upcoming New Teams

Bronx 1: Mott Haven, Port Morris, and Melrose

Bronx 2: Hunts Point, Longwood, and Morrisania

Bronx 3: Crotona Park, Claremont Village, Concourse Village, Woodstock, and Morrisania

Start Date: September 22, 2008

Bronx 12: Edenwald, Wakefield, Williamsbridge, Woodlawn, Fish Bay, Eastchester, Olinville, and Baychester

Start Date: September 9, 2008

Bronx 7: Norwood, University Heights, Jerome Park, Bedford Park, Fordham, and Kingsbridge Heights

Start Date: September 10, 2008

Existing Teams: Uptown Manhattan

Start Date: September 17, 2008

Brooklyn 5: East New York, Cypress Hills, Highland Park, New Lots, City Line, and Starrett City

Start Date: October 1, 2008

Existing Teams: Queens/Brooklyn

Start Date: September 18, 2008

Manhattan 5: Midtown

Start Date: September 25, 2008