

I would like more information about emergency preparedness and CERT training in my area.

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I am interested in information about training for the following:

- CERT (*emergency preparedness education*)
- Fire Corps (*community fire education*)
- Neighborhood Emergency Watch

Mail your completed form to
Citizen Corps Coordinator
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management
253 Wilson Lane
Soldotna, AK 99669

or fax to
907-714-2395

or complete our online form at
www.kpvolunteers.org

For more information about emergency preparedness education or training and volunteer opportunities, contact:



Citizen Corps Coordinator
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management

907-262-4910
907-262-2098

www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency

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KENAI PENINSULA
COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE
TEAMS (CERT)

*Emergency preparedness
and response training
for Kenai Peninsula communities*

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)?

The CERT program is a partnership between first responders and the communities they serve. CERT training prepares people to take care of themselves and others during large scale emergencies.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough includes over 25,000 square miles of varied landscape and weather patterns. Flooding, hurricane force winds, blizzards, extreme cold, volcanic activity, earthquakes and tsunami can drastically affect communities spread across the peninsula. Damage from natural or man-made disasters can severely impact emergency response resources, communications, transportation and utilities. If roads, bridges and airstrips are damaged, it may be days before emergency responders and supplies can reach affected areas.

CERT training equips individuals to care for themselves and work as a team to care for their neighborhood, school or surrounding community until help arrives.

CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities in their own communities. Additional training is available for those who wish to augment their skills and there are many



Kenai CERT class 2006 disaster simulation

volunteer opportunities for projects to improve community emergency awareness and preparedness.

Across the nation, CERTs have served their communities by helping at **Emergency Operation Centers and First Aid Stations**, providing **organizational support** for spontaneous volunteers during **disasters**, assisting with **emergency preparedness outreach** at fairs and community events, participating in **search and rescue operations and community disaster exercises**, and providing assistance to **Red Cross and other relief organizations in mass care**, and more.



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WHO SHOULD CONSIDER CERT TRAINING?

CERT training is ideal for neighborhoods, schools, clubs and organizations, communities of faith, amateur radio operators, businesses, community event leaders and organizers — in short, any group of people who regularly find themselves physically in the same area. Disasters aren't confined to work days, weekends or any other schedule. You might find that you need to respond to an event while at work, school, home or while in a regular meeting or activity you attend.

BASIC CERT COURSE

Session 1: Disaster Preparedness

Gain an awareness and understanding of the types of major emergencies that could affect Kenai Peninsula communities and the steps you can take to prepare your family, your home and your workplace.

Session 2: Fire Suppression

Learn basic fire suppression techniques and team and personal safety considerations.

Sessions 3, 4: Disaster Medical Operations I & II

Gain basic triage, treatment and assessment skills in situations involving life-threatening injuries.

Session 5: Light Search & Rescue

Learn basic search and rescue operations, including size-up, search methods, patterns and safety precautions.

Session 6: Team Organization

Become familiar with the CERT organization structure, including documentation and the CERT's role in the Kenai Peninsula Incident Command System (ICS).

Session 7: Disaster Psychology

Learn to identify the post-disaster emotional environment and steps that rescuers can take to relieve their own stressors and those of disaster survivors.

Session 8: Disaster Drill

Test your newly gained skills in a simulated disaster event.