



Winter 2019



Community Emergency Response Team

CERT is an organization of volunteer emergency workers who have received specific training in basic disaster response skills with the intent of supplementing existing emergency responders in the event of a major disaster or utilizing their skills to assist family members and neighbors.

Following a major disaster, local Fire, Police, City, and other first responders may not be able to meet the demand for their services. Residents and visitors to our community may need to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life sustaining needs.

The Northshore Emergency Management Coalition CERT program will educate participants about local hazards, basic disaster preparedness, and provide hands on training that includes fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. After completing the CERT academy, volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in additional drills and exercises to keep their skills sharp and continue to enhance their knowledge and abilities.

What to expect at a CERT class?

Most of the 8 week long program is divided up into both classroom and hands on training. Some of that training will be outside and may require participants to kneel, bend, stoop, crawl, or be in other awkward body positions. The instructors will attempt to prepare students for what activities are coming, but all students should dress in layers (weather dependent) and appropriate attire for this type of activity. ** If participants have any limitation or need accommodations, please let our instructors know. The hands on portions of the class are not a requirement of completion, but do enhance the training dramatically.

2017 Fall CERT Class



Our next CERT academy will begin on January 7, 2019 and will be on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30 pm, with the final disaster simulation on Monday February 25. Registration opens approximately 4 weeks prior. Classes do fill up and registration is open to the first 30 that submit a completed registration form along with the \$35 class fee.

For more information on Northshore Emergency Management Coalition CERT program or to be sure

to be notified as soon as registration begins, contact the program manager Carl Lunak at (425) 354-1744 or clunak@northshorefire.com.