



Help in an Emergency

A major disaster is coming- *sometime*. It might be an earthquake, landslide, flood, wild land fire, blizzard, lost child, or other serious occurrence.

When a widespread disaster strikes or when a child is missing, emergency agencies are likely to be overwhelmed. People will have to rely on each other- for hours or even days. Under these conditions, experience shows that family members, neighbors, and co-workers will try to help.

Following the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, untrained, spontaneous volunteers save 800 people. In the chaos, though, 100 rescuers lost their lives. This is too high a price to pay, because training can prevent such tragedy.

Even in less serious emergency, is there a way to have trained local volunteers come to the neighbor's aid?

CERT-ainly!

What Does CERT do?

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are trained to provide emergency preparedness information in their neighborhoods. CERT members are also trained in life saving skills, with emphasis on decision making ability, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number.

People who have taken the CERT training are better prepared to respond to cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Trained individuals and teams are ready to:

- Provide immediate assistance to victims in their neighborhood
- Organize spontaneous, untrained volunteers to provide needed services
- Collect disaster intelligence to assist professional responders who are trying to allocate limited resources.

Training

Training is conducted by firefighters or other trained CERT leaders. Sessions are usually scheduled either on successive weekends or weekday evenings. Training sessions will address:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Medical Aid
- Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology and Team Operations
- Disaster Simulation
- Terrorism Response
- Animal Response
- Wild land Fire Response
- Fire Fighter Re-habilitation on a scene
- Operating an Emergency Operations Center

Refresher sessions and drills help CERT members keep their skills fresh after completing the training. CERT members receive recognition for completing their training. Members of the Saratoga Springs Fire and Rescue CERT team receive ID cards, vests, helmets, and other equipment and training.

SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES

<http://saratogaspringsutahcert.com/>

<http://saratogaspringsutahcert.com/cert-blog/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SaratogaSpringsUtahCERT>

Training location and times?

Training is conducted in May and September. For further details see our website at www.saratogaspringsutahcert.com.

Location: Saratoga Springs Fire and Rescue, 995 West 1200 North, Saratoga, Utah 84045

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How do we register for the class?

You must email Rick Scott, Emergency Manager, at SSFRCERT@gmail.com.

Also, past CERT trained citizens can attend training to refresh their skills!

CERT Team members meet monthly. Contact Rick for dates and times at SSFRCERT@gmail.com.