What is CERT?

CERT is a community based group of volunteers that have completed a federally recognized training course taught by local Public Safety Personnel and First Responders. The training is a comprehensive program detailing ways to assist family, friends, neighbors, and your community in small or large scale disasters. This training is free, and open to anyone that lives or works in Calvert county, over the age of 18.

The Division of Emergency Management offers CERT courses throughout the year. Please visit our website at http://www.co.cal.md.us for a current schedule of available courses.

What will I learn?

Utilizing basic CERT training, students will learn how to prepare for emergencies and be ready to respond to assist the community immediately following incidents of all sizes. CERT Components Include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Light Search and Rescue
- CERT Team Organization
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Terrorism
- Disaster Psychology

The CERT registration process is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download and Complete the CERT Volunteer Application

Download and complete the CERT Volunteer Application which is available at: http://www.co.cal.md.us/CERT, then Email or Mail in your completed application to:
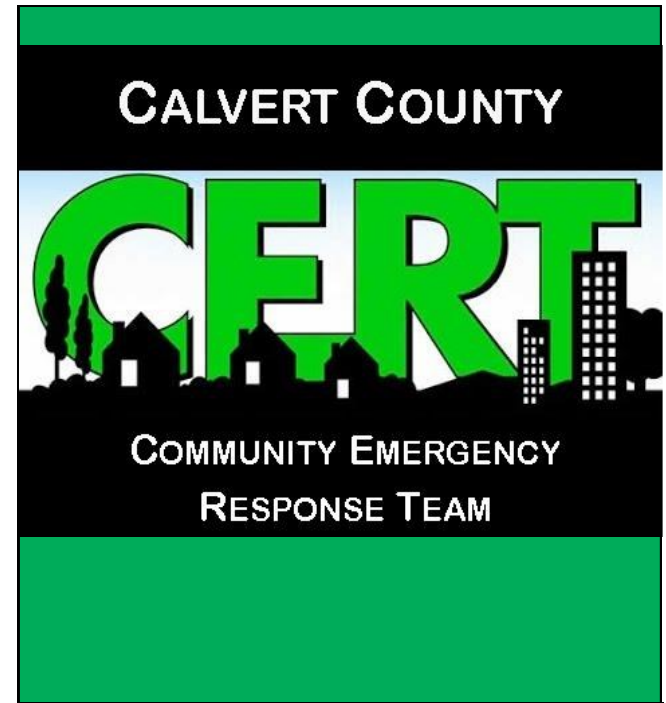
Calvert County Government
Division of Emergency Management
175 Main Street
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
CERT@calvertcountymd.gov

2. Fingerprinting/Livescan

Once your application is received and approved, you must complete a fingerprinting/Livescan which will be submitted to the Department of Justice and FBI to verify your eligibility.

3. Training Date Notification

Once all paperwork is received and complete, you will be notified with the next available date for CERT training.

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

What Will I Need?

- Time
- Comfortable clothes
- Sturdy shoes
- Sack lunch

Most importantly, a good attitude, enthusiasm, and willingness to help your family and community are essential to your success in this program.

What Is Provided?

- A safe and fun learning experience
- The Basic CERT Training Participant Manual
- A CERT kit upon the successful completion of CERT training.

Once you've completed the CERT training, your effectiveness and contribution in a disaster depends on you. Although there is no obligation, CERT was designed to enlist community members as a volunteer resource to assist first responders in a time of need.

After CERT Completion

Some examples of when CERT's may be activated include:

- A Countywide emergency or disaster
- First Aid and Information Stations at large scale planned events
- Additionally CERT members may be called on to assist in Public Safety trainings, exercises, and incidents based on need.

Staying current on CERT training, maintaining and updating your CERT kit, or volunteering to become a CERT instructor are some of the ways you can really make a difference when the time comes

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety..