

Interested in Helping Your Community?  
Join Redding CERT

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Redding CERT is a community based program that's been in existence since 2006. It's made up of citizens who are trained to help their neighbors and community during times of need.

Redding CERT is holding a new certification class starting Thursday night February 28, 2013. Anyone interested in learning more and/or signing up, please call Doug Hartline at the Redding Health Department at 203-938-2559.

CERT training is designed to help prepare you and your family for emergencies, and it teaches how to assist your neighbors in a disaster situation. Should local resources be overwhelmed or delayed, CERT support enables first responders (fire, EMS, and police personnel) to address the most critical issues at hand.

After the recent hurricanes and super storms Redding CERT was a key component of the recovery phase, including opening and running the shelter, warming stations, and with the distribution of food and water.

CERT instruction includes first aid, CPR, fire safety, traffic control, search and rescue, disaster psychology, animal sheltering and other topics associated with disaster response. CERT members have found the training to be interesting and informative. Instructors include Redding's fire, police, and EMS personnel.

This is a great opportunity to help and support your town in times of need.

For more information and to sign up, call Doug Hartline at 203-938-2559 at the Redding Health Department.