Georgia Tech Police Department
Office of
Emergency Preparedness

An introduction to the
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Did you know…

- There is a very good chance that your community will be on its own during the early stages following a catastrophic disaster.
- After a catastrophic disaster, citizens will volunteer to help. Without proper training these people can expose themselves to potential injury.
- Experience has shown that basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills improves the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance arrives.

The GA Tech Campus
Emergency Response Team (GT-CERT) Program

The GA Tech Office of Emergency Preparedness has developed a program that is designed to help communities prepare for and respond after disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major emergencies.

Once trained, CERT participants will be able to provide the following services to their community:
- Increase community disaster readiness
- Assess damage after a disaster
- Extinguish small fires and teach fire safety
- Perform light search & rescue operations
- Perform triage and provide medical services to the injured
- Organize procurement of supplies

GT-CERT Course Content

The basic course will include those components necessary to get the team started and become capable of performing basic CERT functions. Each participant must complete every course to become certified.

Participants will learn:

Disaster Preparedness: Instructs participants how to prepare themselves and their communities for the various hazards that may occur.

Terrorism: Participants will learn what terrorism threats face them and how to mitigate situations.

Team Organization: Addresses organization and management principles necessary for a CERT to operate successfully.

Fire Safety: Participants will learn how to use extinguishers and other equipment to suppress small fires.

Light Search & Rescue: Participants will learn light search and rescue planning, techniques, and rescuer safety.

Medical Operations: Participants will learn how to conduct triage, establish medical treatment areas, and provide basic first aid for victims.

Disaster Psychology: Covers critical incident stress for victims as well as workers.

Disaster Simulation: A small-scale disaster simulation is part of the basic program.

Refresher and Supplemental Training will be Held on a Regular Basis!

Next Course Offering

2011 Class dates to be announced

Basic CERT class is two days, each day from 9am to 3pm

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