

## Disaster Prevention— It Starts with You!

**Teen CERT** is a national Homeland Security initiative directed at making our schools and communities safer by having educated/trained youth capable of preparing and responding to disasters and emergencies. **Teen CERT** is an integral part of Citizen Corps, the grassroots movement that actively involves everyone in making our communities and our nation **safer, stronger, and better prepared.**

Many schools are utilizing trained **Teen CERT** members to enhance their school response plan. No matter where you live, no matter who you are, no matter your age, we all have a role in hometown preparedness. **What role will you play?**



For more information on how to start or join a **Teen CERT** program in your school, contact:



For more information on **Teen CERT** or New Jersey Citizen Corps, go to:

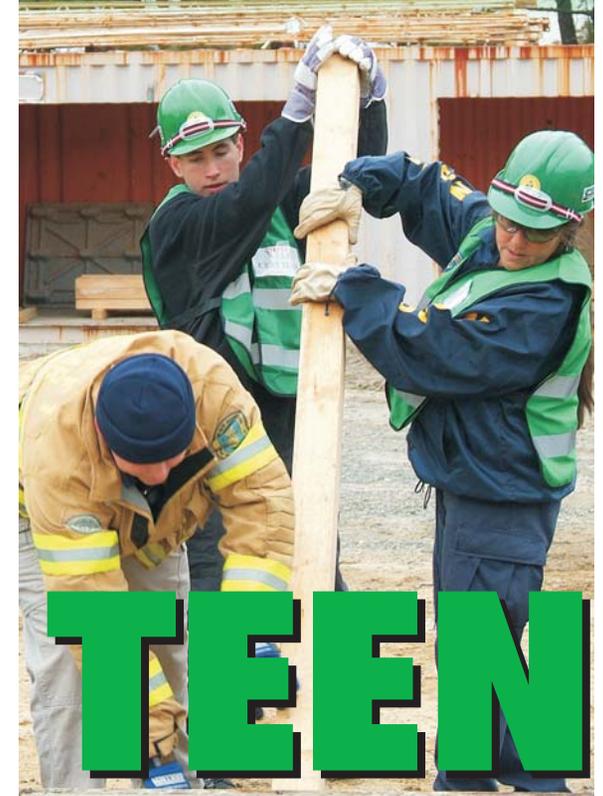
[www.teencert.org](http://www.teencert.org)

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**609-963-6995**

## Teen Community Emergency Response Team



# TEEN CERT

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## What is Teen CERT ?

**Teen CERT** is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your school in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in **Teen CERT**, you will have the skills to help emergency responders, save lives, and protect property. As a member of a **Teen CERT** team, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training.



## What Do Teen CERT Teams Do in an Emergency?

Under the direction of school and local emergency responders, **Teen CERT** teams help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. Teen volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of a **Teen CERT** volunteer is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive.

## How Can Teen CERT Help Your School?

In addition to supporting emergency responders during a disaster, the **Teen CERT** program builds strong working relationships between emergency responders and the people they serve. **Teen CERT** teams also help the school year-round by assisting with safety issues in the school, peer mentoring, emergency management exercises, preparedness outreach, fire safety education, and home safety.



## Benefits of Teen CERT Training

**Teen CERT** training takes about 20 hours to complete and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response.

### **Participants Learn How to:**

- ✓ Identify and anticipate hazards
- ✓ Reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace
- ✓ Extinguish small fires
- ✓ Assist emergency responders
- ✓ Conduct light search and rescue
- ✓ Set up medical treatment areas
- ✓ Apply basic medical techniques
- ✓ Help reduce survivor stress

## Who Should Take Teen CERT Training?

- **High School Aged Youth Who Want to Make a Difference**
- Teachers and School Administrators
- Parents
- Communities of Faith
- Scouting and Youth Organizations
- Members of Clubs and Civic Organizations