

JaxCERT



Once trained, CERTs are able to provide the following services to their neighborhoods:

- Increase their neighborhood's disaster preparedness
- Assess damage after a disaster
- Extinguish small fires and teach fire safety
- Perform light search and rescue operations
- Perform triage and provide minor medical service to the injured
- Organize as a team



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Did you know...

You're on your own!

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

The Jacksonville Community Emergency Response Team (JaxCERT) Program

Duval County is part of a national network of CERT communities. The program was developed to help neighborhoods prepare for and respond after catastrophic disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major emergencies. This is free training for citizens of Duval County. JaxCERT graduates receive an identification card and Personal Protective Equipment kit upon completion of the course.

Individuals completing JaxCERT training may be affiliated with one of more of the following teams:

- ❖ **Neighborhood CERT:** Ten or more neighbors serving immediate residential neighborhood
- ❖ **Business or Government CERT:** Co-workers serving places of business and surrounding areas, or county, municipal, or state agency employees
- ❖ **School CERT:** School faculty and staff serving school and surrounding area
- ❖ **Faith-Based CERT:** Teams based at a house of worship serving the immediate neighborhood, or travel into areas needing assistance
- ❖ **Youth CERT:** Organized service-oriented groups, such as Civil Air Patrol, Fire or Police Explorers, or school-based clubs

Individuals not affiliated with a team may still be trained and serve their community.